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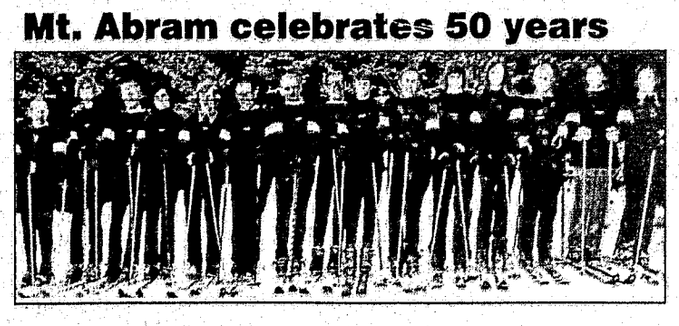

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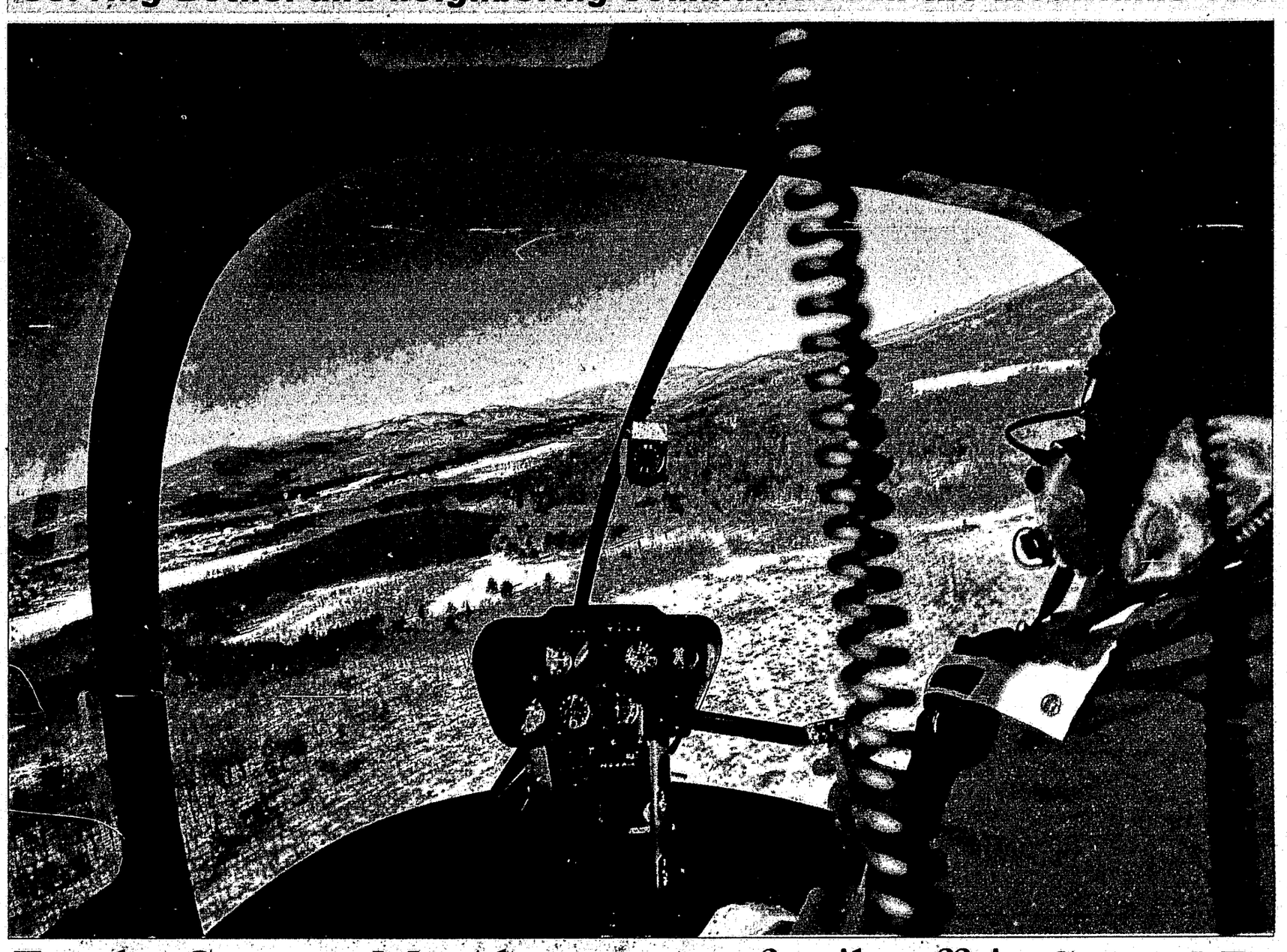

SEVERE CLEAR, AND COLD, OVER WINTERFEST

Chief Pilot Bob Cloutier of C-R Helicopters sets a course of 310 Saturday morning, as he heads his Robinson R44 back to Bethel Station, following a flyover of Mt. Abram and the snowcovered lakes of Greenwood and Woodstock.
Action on the ground during the first weekend of WinterFest 2011 was slow, in part due to extremely cold temperatures, but activities, including $25 helicopter rides, will continue through the coming weekend.
And back in Bethel Station, not far from the helicopters' landing zone, the Ice Tower continues to gain elevation.
Can you spot it in the photo?

(Photo: M. Daniels)

For the Crosses, Mt. Abram was a family affair

By ALISON ALOISIO

In 1960 the escapades of Rocky the squirrel and Bullwinkle the moose were the subject of a popular TV show, "Rocky and His Friends," the creation of cartoonist Jay Ward.

The same year in Greenwood, Maine, the Cross family was getting ready to open a ski area.

Brothers Norton, Don and Stuart wanted to name the new ski trails for some of the cartoon characters. Norton's wife, Phyllis, thought the best approach was a direct one.

"I wrote to Jay Ward," she said. "I sent him a map of the mountain, and asked him to name the trails."

Ward obliged, and the trails Bullwinkle, Boris Badenov, Fearless Leader, Dudley Do Right and Captain Peachfuzz were born.

Coming up with trail names was the easy part of the enterprise. For the next 30 years, Mt. Abram would be a seven-day-a-week job for the Cross family.

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"A good place for a ski area"

In the 1950s, the Cross family business was logging. Their land included 200 acres that stretched across Mt. Abram, which tops out at 1,970 feet.

Norton's wife, Phyllis, said that in 1959 her husband was struck with an idea.

"He said it would be a good place for a ski area," she remembers.

His brothers agreed. They purchased more surrounding land, visited other ski areas to learn about operations, returned to Greenwood and set to work.

They cleared the trails, sold the good timber, built a lodge and put in a T-bar.

"They did everything themselves," said Stuart's son Jack Cross, who was 10 when the area opened.

Phyllis and Norton's son, Steve, was born on Dec. 12, 1960. Three days later, Mt. Abram opened with a single slope and a small T-bar.

In 1961, the Crosses added a 3,350-foot, bottom-to-top T-bar. And in 1966 a beginners' area known as Duane's Retreat was created.

Not all the projects went smoothly. In 1968, as the brothers put up roof rafters for a garage said Jack, Don, who was on the top, shifted his weight back and forth to test the roof's strength.

"The whole thing collapsed," said Jack.

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School Board votes Monday on WES and AES closures

By ALISON ALOISIO

With a $1.2 million funding gap looming for next year, the SAD 44 School Board will vote Monday on whether or not to close the Woodstock and Andover elementary schools and send the pupils to Crescent Park.

Directors will also consider a plan to cut WES budget and keep the school open.

But after directors were presented this past Monday with figures showing the annual savings from closing WES at approximately $242,000 – only slightly more than half the savings estimated last year – they also told Superintendent Dave Murphy to bring them a proposal to keep the school open, by cutting $120,000 from its budget.

Closing AES would save an estimated $214,000, about $35,000 less than estimated last year.

District officials recently recalculated lower estimates for both schools, after obtaining more specific information, and realizing closure would result in the loss of state-aid funds for "Isolated Small Schools."

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Bird Hill home burns to ground

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Maine State Fire Marshall Office has said it will never know for certain what caused a fire late Monday night on Bird Hill in Greenwood that destroyed the home of Michael and Noel Hasenfus.

The fire appeared to start in the furnace area, Greenwood Fire Chief Albert Curtis said Wednesday, "but the way everything was gone beyond recognition there was no way he could make a de-

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Selectmen to Jammers: Nail it, or this will be your last run

By MICHAEL DANIELS

For a short time Monday night, the WinterFest 2011 "Rail Jam" teetered on the lip of a disqualifying face plant.

The snowboarding event, scheduled for this (Thursday) afternoon and evening on lower Main Street, had been approved by The Bethel Board of Selectmen last month, but that approval was contingent on the event sponsors presenting a plan that included a site map and list of volunteers who would manage the activity.

But the documents presented to the board were far sketchier than the selectmen had expected, and less than reassuring regarding how well it would be managed – especially on the questions of traffic control and of businesses on lower Main Street remaining accessible to their customers.

"This isn't exactly a plan. It isn't what we had envisioned," said Selectman Dennis Doyon. "What we have is a tax map with some arrows drawn on it."

Fellow Selectman Don Bennett said he had been expecting "something we could look at and see who [for traffic control] would stand where. Perhaps we weren't explicit enough."

"Looking at this, I see a map that, if I'm reading it correctly, doesn't show one boundary in the right place."

The plan also appeared to show three properties completely blocked, but Town Manager Jim Doar suggested that was a mistake attributable to map-making "inexperience."

One of those properties belongs to Bob Chadbourne, former chairman of the Bethel Board of Selectmen, and houses the offices

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Gilead petition seeks to set price on Cole's garage and force town meeting

By ALISON ALOISIO

Two members of the Gilead Fire Department last week presented selectmen a petition requesting a special Town Meeting to vote on buying Cole's Custom Auto garage at a price of $149,000.

Selectmen said such a move interferes with their negotiations for the property, but petitioners claim there are no such negotiations taking place.

Richard and Sue Saunders presented the 25-signature petition asking for the special meeting.

The opportunity to buy the 40x70-foot building, located just off Route 2, was brought to the Board of Selectmen last fall by Selectman Fran Head, according to town officials.

If the town bought the building, it would be used as a town garage. Highway trucks currently share space in the town's fire station.

The Cole building is currently listed for sale by Head's company, Maine Street Realty in Bethel, for $159,900 (according to the website), but she is not per-

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Letters

FUTURE OF DISTRICT EXCHANGE

To the Editor:

We would like to remind readers that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Telstar High School library to discuss the future of the District Exchange -- the community organization that operates the exchange for clothing and small household goods as well as the food pantry. The Exchange is grateful for the use of the basement of the Ethel Bisbee School for many years through the generosity of SAD 44. With the decision to move the administrative offices out of the building, the Exchange needs to examine its purpose and mode of operation on a variety of fronts.

The meeting will be the first in probably a series of discussions about the Exchange and the Exchange committee hopes to see a good turnout of our volunteers, those who use the Exchange to recycle clothing, those who are our customers, and those who support the Exchange with donations.

We are interested in suggestions regarding space that might be available.

The Exchange operates under the Northern Oxford Health and Service Council, 501c3, a designation that allows us to maintain a relationship with the Good Shepherd Food Bank. We have a long-standing relationship with the town of Bethel as well. Kelly Osgood-Newkirk generously keeps our books.

Donations to the clothing exchange are used to purchase food, and the pantry is also the beneficiary of many drives and events such as Turkey Tuesday. We know our community is filled with generous people, and with creative minds.

Let's see what we can come up with!

If you are unable to attend please call Cathy at 875-2116, or e-mail at cathyn@megalink.net. However we really hope to see you there. In case of a storm we will meet on Thursday, Feb. 3.

Cathy Newell, Maryvonne Wheeler
For The District Exchange

ASPHALT PLAN STINKS

To the Editor:

We live off the North Road. We never received the notice of the Planning Board meeting at which a "temporary" hot asphalt plant was originally approved by the town. When we did learn of the approval in September 2009, we immediately voiced our objection and asked the town for a rehearing. The town denied our request.

Less than a year later, the owner of the plant already was expanding and requested approval to build an office and sewage holding tank. We again voiced our objection and reminded the Town that they had approved the plant only as a "temporary" use and that the request for an office and septic tank is inconsistent with such a temporary use.

We also asked for copies of the entire file on this matter, including all environmental reports. We learned that notwithstanding that the Town code requires an environmental report. The Town did not require any environmental reports for the hot asphalt plant and the Town approved the expansion.

The owner of the hot asphalt plant is now requesting approval to move the facility to across the road, where it can expand even more.

The North Road west of the proposed facility is all residential. All of us who live on or near the North Road are affected by this facility.

There are two things we know for certain about this hot asphalt plant:

1) The plant stinks. The hot asphalt plant emits noxious fumes and odors. When the plant was in operation, you could smell it for hundreds of yards; and

2) No facility such as this one should ever be approved without an environmental report showing that it is safe to inhale the fumes that are emitted from this type of facility or from the trucks that move the asphalt. No such environmental report was requested by or provided to the Town.

We asked the town manager to come to our home to smell the fumes from the facility. He refused. Do we know if these fumes are hazardous to our health? How can they be safe? Even if the plant is "state of the art," the asphalt gets shipped by trucks and the trucks give off emissions and noise.

If anyone from the Planning Board lived on the North Road, they would not be so quick to approve this facility. Certainly, if anyone who spoke in favor of the facility lived on the North Road, they would not support the facility. Those who support the facility are in a position to benefit financially from the facility.

The town's selectmen and Planning Board members are supposed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the town's residents. This facility adversely impacts the health, safety and welfare of the residents. The town has no business promoting the business interests of some people over the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

We moved to Bethel because it is, in our opinion, the most beautiful mountain town in all of New England. This hot asphalt plant in a residential area is completely contradictory to the beauty and serenity of our town. If approved, this plant can destroy the beauty and reputation of our town for the financial benefit of a few.

We ask that the Planning Board deny the request for the hot asphalt plant on the North Road.

Sherry L. Hyman
Bethel

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Fire

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WHERE THERE'S HOPE—Neighbor Wendell Rose (left) searches the remains of the incinerated home rented by Michael and Noel Hasenfus Tuesday morning, hoping to find signs that the two cats and one dog believed lost in the fire might have survived. Another dog and two cats did escape the blaze. *(Photo: M. Daniels)*

termination as to what started it."

The couple escaped unharmed, and a son who lives at the home was away that night, staying with friends.

"But they lost everything they had," Curtis said.

After discovering the fire, the couple initially called 911, but their cell phone went dead, and it was called in by neighbors, according to Wendell Rose, who lives just up the hill from the fire scene.

Rose, who had been awakened by Michael Hasenfus around 11 p.m., went to the house and found the heat already so intense "that I knew there was nothing I could do."

The Greenwood Fire Department, arriving a short time later, found the house fully engulfed.

Fire Departments from Bethel, Woodstock and Newry also responded, as did Tri-Town Rescue and PACE.

As the fire was underway, Curtis said, PACE transported Mrs. Hasenfus to the Mollyockett Motel "to get her away from the scene."

The couple is now staying at the motel, he said, and assistance is being provided by the Red Cross, the Greenwood F.D. Auxiliary and PACE.

The destroyed home is the next building up the hill from the Greenwood Town Office.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said the office has received calls offering support.

"The most important thing now is to find them a place to live,"Sparks said.

Gilead

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sonally handling the listing and has said she will not vote on the purchase or participate in negotiations.

In November Head and selectman Stephen McLain voted to put the question of whether to negotiate before residents to decide, according to officials.

The third selectman, Jeremy Morin, was unable to attend that board meeting.

At a Nov. 20 special Town Meeting, residents voted 29-19 to direct selectmen to negotiate a price and bring it back to voters.

A few days later, a petition was submitted to the town asking them to negotiate within the next seven days. The board, however, did not meet again until December.

A second petition, presented to the board last week, was dated Dec. 29. It states that since the Nov. 20 vote, "you have failed and refused to enter in such negotiations." It requests a Town Meeting to vote on the $149,000, and concludes, "If no such meeting has been called within the statutory period, we will request a notary public to call one."

Morin and McLain were present at last week's meeting. Head is currently out of state, but participated in discussion via a conference call.

She reiterated several times her opinions were those of a taxpayer, not a selectman.

Head said she had been getting calls asking when the selectmen were going to negotiate.

Morin, chair of the board, reacted strongly.

"You think that because you're on one side of the fence that we should offer the $149,000 and be done with it," he said. "There are plenty of citizens that say, 'no, offer $59,000.' We have to find a middle ground somewhere, and that's what we are doing. We do have conversations about this. We are trying to come up with a price.

"[The petitioners] not allowing us to negotiate. They're coming in and strong-arming us, and saying if we don't give them what they're asking, they're going to sign a petition giving them what they want for a price, not what Mac and I think we can get for the best deal.

"When these petitions come up, you're intervening in the negotiations. You're telling the seller 'we are going to force the selectmen into making the decision tomorrow on whatever price we decide to put on the petition.'"

Head just as strongly disagreed. The petition, she said, is simply asking the board "to get going with it," and bring the issue to a vote, as directed by the Town Meeting.

She said the selectmen have not asked for any further information about the property.

Said Richard Saunders, "from what we see, nothing is happening. We want to see it come to a vote, so the town can decide, yea or nay."

Town Clerk Lin Chapman said no deadline had been placed on negotiations at the Nov. 20 meeting.

And Morin and McLain argued that the decision would better be made at the annual Town Meeting in March when, they said, more townspeople would likely be present.

"What's going to happen between now and then that we need to rush this?" asked Morin. "What does it hurt?'

Sue Saunders said waiting would hurt Cole and the Fire Department.

Morin replied that as a selectman, "my job is not to worry about Ken. It's to get this garage at the best price that I can."

Morin also told the Saunders he believes, based on comments he has heard from other residents about the way the petitioners are handling the situation, "you're losing votes."

Chapman noted the town would also have to present information on other costs associated with the purchase of the garage.

Selectmen did not act formally on the petition. At the end of the meeting, they called an executive session regarding negotiations.

Also at last week's meeting, McLain read a statement from his wife, Lise, who claimed Head has a conflict of interest because she owns Maine Street Realty.

McLain also said Maine Street is "the only entity that has established an appraisal of the said property to be sold," and the selectmen should request another appraisal from another real estate business as part of negotiations.

Head reacted angrily. "I never did an appraisal. I am a realtor," she said, adding that Cole had given her company an appraisal done by an outside entity.

Head also said she had consulted with the Maine Municipal Association about her role as selectman in the garage issue.

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment Two

How did you come to live here?

Visitors on serene summer days often say, "I'd love to live as you do." I answer, "Think twice before you try it. I have a drop of Irish blood and love the land. It matters not to me that I use black sadirons heated on the top of the stove instead of an electric steam iron as long as I can see the sky."

One can ask himself anywhere and everywhere at the end of a day, was it useful, was it satisfying, was it happy? The same emotions are felt in Palm Beach, in Buckingham Palace, in the high Himalayas as here in the woods. It is the urgent but relatively unimportant details of day-to-day living that take up most of one's time. How one feels about these and how they fit into the really important overall scheme of life is what makes the difference in the quality of living. This is not a "how to" book. Rather it is an account of some of our new experiences in country living and it begins with the first question: how did we happen to come here?

A superficial answer could be: we were tired of moving, it was a spur-of-the-moment purchase, we thought it would be interesting to try something different. The real reason goes back to our roots in the past. It is an unfortunate fad of the moment to consider history unimportant, to think that it teaches us nothing. In actuality, the past is all that we have that we know about for sure, it is inescapable. Only as we shuck off the bits of it that were burdens and hold fast to the experiences of growth and joy do we find ourselves and learn to relate to the present that we live in.

Our lives had been very simple. We were married the year after Pearl Harbor. On our first wedding anniversary, I was in the Navy drilling in the red mud of Georgia. B.B. was finishing demolition school in the Army Engineers. A month later he was in England practicing for the Normandy invasion. Three years later we met again in Penn Station in Manhattan. We spent a month in the city. It was a time of vacation and rest; of reunion with ourselves and friends; of long look at life in the U.S., at our own past and our future. Getting out of college in the depression years had seemed at the time of somewhat woeful experience. Living in the thirties with little money and little choice of occupation had been a kind of reality testing of the values of our heritage. It is not where you live, but how; life is to give, not get; make each place where you live a bit more beautiful or better for your having been there. These were not admonitions that became trite by repetition, rather they were wordlessly, unconsciously absorbed from three-generation households. Three years of military life had sharpened our vision and given us more clarity of thought to separate fundamentals from trivia. We resolved that the stresses of competition, the time necessary to build a professional reputation or to acquire material success by society's standards was not for us. We would opt for a good life every day, and adventure. Any kind of work that would provide funds enough for solvency would do. Neither of us had ever been west of the Mississippi River. West we would go. We went for two years, then came back and lived about on the eastern seaboard.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Sunday River Ski Resort hosted the U.S. Freestyle Grand National competition.

Gould Academy's plan for a new 21,300 square foot science building was being submitted to the Bethel Planning Board.

Edna White of East Andover celebrated her 90th birthday.

Birth: Nicole Anne Marie Berry.

Deaths: Robert I. MacDonald, George W. "Bill" Sprague, Daniel W. Brainard, Edith M. Bird.

20 years ago: A fire at the home of Charles and Pat Blake was so intense it blew windows out of the house, much of the first floor was destroyed, and there was extensive smoke and water damage.

The L.L. Bean Cross-Country Ski Festival at Gould Academy attracted approximately 100 participants.

Births: Kristilee Louise White, Cassandra Lynn Roberts.

Deaths: Thelma Cooper Van Den Kerckhoven, George W. Bennett.

30 years ago: Gould Academy skier, Ted Prime, was winner of the Mel Jodrey Ski Trophy in the annual race held at Sunday River Ski Area.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Gorman were guests of honor at a reception for their 35th wedding anniversary.

Deaths: Albert F. Clark, Otis L. Cobb, Christine Chapman McCoy.

40 years ago: The Bethel Snow Twisters enjoyed a snowmobile safari from the Bethel Airport to Sunday River Inn where dinner was served to the 35 travelers.

Deaths: Mrs. Christina Mann Shields, Samuel S. Poor, Merle A. Cox.

50 years ago: Stanley Davis was honored at the Maine Junior Chamber of Commerce annual meeting as one of three outstanding young men of the year.

Announcement was made of the purchase of the Sudbury Hotel from Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson by Norman Greig and Howard Cole.

Mt. Abram Ski Slopes was holding a teenagers dance and skating party every Saturday night.

Birth: Darielle Mason.

Deaths: Mrs. Gertrude Stuart, Dr. Arthur L. Walters.

60 years ago: Victor Brooks escaped with head injuries when he jumped from a tractor he was driving when it was struck by a freight train at the P. H. Chadbourne & Co. mill.

Births: Deborah Ellen Kneeland, Chester Stephen Wheeler.

Deaths: Lynwood Paul Jackson, Jr., James A. Jackson, Donald H. Bean.

70 years ago: The Gould Academy Outing Club Ski Team was second in the Eastern Slope Club invitation slalom on the 3,000 foot Cranmore Mountain course at North Conway. The competition was held in a heavy storm.

Deaths: Isaac Insley Young, Stanley Roy Learned, Mrs. Jennie King, Rev. S. T. Achenbach, Mrs. Adria Dresser Gatchell, Elbridge Holt.

80 years ago: The Gould Academy Debating Team was working on the Bates Interscholastic Debating League question, Resolved: that chain stores are detrimental to the best interest of the American people.

90 years ago: The home of Seth Walker on Main Street was gutted by fire which started from a chimney. The ell and barn were saved by the efficient work of the firemen and most of the furniture was removed.

Death: Alvira Smith.

100 years ago: In the 1910 census the town of Bethel had a population of 1930, compared with 1853 in 1900. Bethel village dropped from 722 to 634.

The first annual banquet of the Bethel Board of Trade was held at the Prospect Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kilborn left New York on the "Celtic" to spend several months in Europe.

Death: Hannibal Grover.

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Rail Jam

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for his business, Chadbourne Tree Farms.

Chadbourne was the sole person in the audience for Monday's meeting.

This year's Rail Jam would be the second such event on lower Main Street; and the first, Chadbourne said, hardly established a base of confidence and good will.

"It was a real cluster," he said. "Those people didn't have any idea what they were doing. They were rude. They had people down there who shouldn't have been there, in my opinion."

"This is the main street of Bethel," Chadbourne said. "People come into town to do there shopping or whatever. That's how they get around."

But the Rail Jam, he said, "just creates a confusing mess — it's not good for business."

"I just don't think it's appropriate use of the main street of Bethel."

"I would hope that if you approve this and it goes forward," Chadbourne told the board, "that it doesn't get approved another year, unless they make it go real smooth."

Current Board Chairman Stan Howe said he plans to be there this year to monitor the situation, "and maybe step in and say 'Who's watching this, and who's watching that?' ... be more of a sidewalk superintendent."

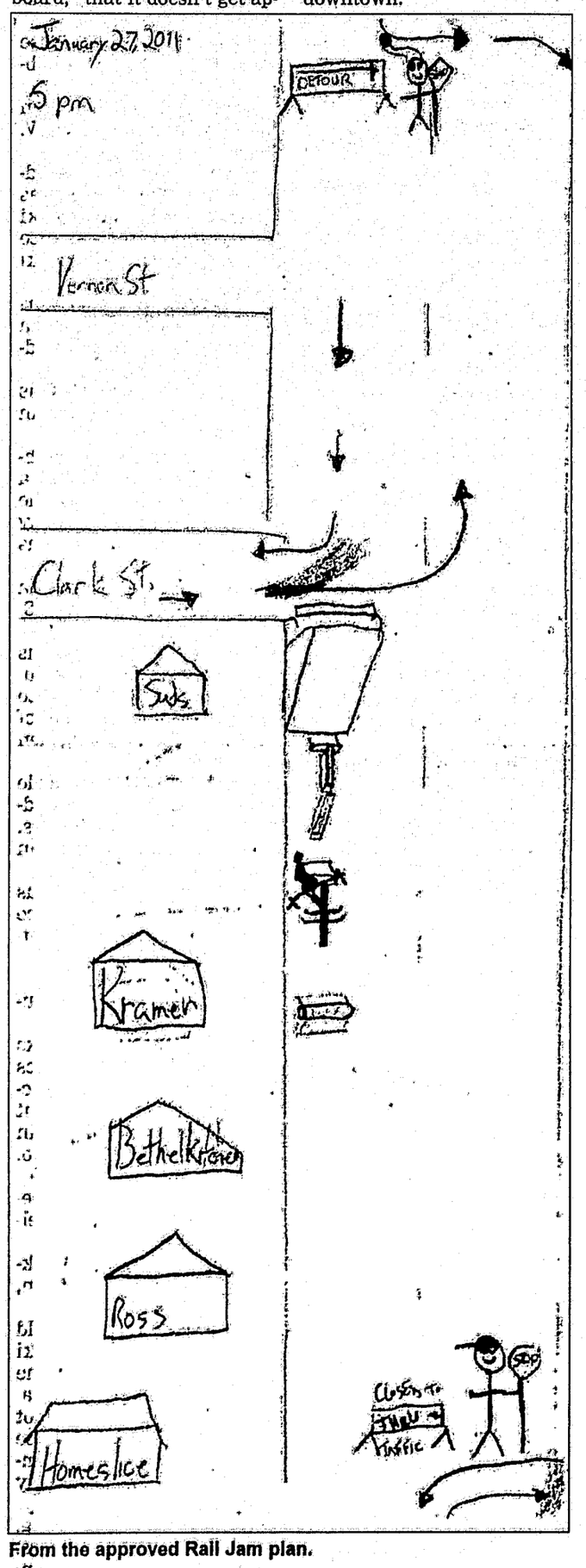
Doyon summed up the board's view:

"The first year, you've got to give everybody a little bit of a learning curve, but the second year you ought to have it down."

After further discussion, including the mention of possibly rescinding the approval, the board voted unanimously to ask for a new map, and leave the final decision to Town Manager Jim Doar.

Doar said Wednesday that a new map had been prepared (see below), and he had given the go-ahead for this year's jam.

"The event will go ahead," he said, "and we're looking forward to a quality, safe event that draws people downtown."



From the approved Rail Jam plan.

Super Crossword

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Mt. Abram

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Fortunately, no one was hurt. The roof was rebuilt, and the garage still stands today.

Steve, along with his older sister, Lainey, and other cousins Wendy, Diane, and Studie, grew up with the mountain. As more trails were added, they all pitched in to help.

"We all worked there," said Steve. "I worked with every aspect except cooking. We'd be there at 4 a.m., shovel snow from the woods into the Snowcat [before the days of snowmaking], haul it to the trails, have lunch, and go out and shovel some more, then work in the garage, and then groom until 9 o'clock."

Add to that working the lifts and plowing the parking lot. "It was seven days a week," said Steve.

Don was in charge of keeping the trails in good shape, and he was a stickler about it. He drove the groomer operators hard, said Wendy. They, in turn, drove their machines hard.

After a night of grooming, she said, the garage workers (led by Stuart) never knew what shape the machines would be in.

"They'd dent them in, or roll them over the side of a bank," said Wendy.

The Crosses faced a snow grooming challenge of a different sort in 1969.

That year, a monster snowstorm dumped about three feet of snow in the region. The T-bars were buried.

Help came from the U.S. Navy — a contingent of sailors, many of whom had skied at Mt. Abram, came from the Brunswick Naval Air Station.

"They had to dig down three or four feet," said Wendy, to create enough space for the T-bars to operate.

There was more digging in 1970, when Mt. Abram put in a bottom-to-top double chairlift.

"We dug the holes by hand for the towers," said Jack. "Don didn't believe in using an excavator."

Pouring concrete for the tower footings was an extreme challenge. A concrete truck failed twice to climb the mountain. The Crosses finally loaded concrete into barrels and drove them up in trucks. A bucket brigade moved the concrete the rest of the way.

The towers were finally placed, the cable strung, and the 4,300-foot lift opened for business.

Over the years several cousins took their turns at the "top house," where they monitored people getting off the lifts and T-bars.

Wendy and Diane were among them. Wendy recalls that one winter a large tree fell across the top of the lift, narrowly missing Diane in the house.

Jack also had a brief stint at the top one winter.

He had broken his leg skiing the season before. "I swore I'd never ski again," he said, and "retired" to the top house. "That lasted about two weeks, and I was back skiing," he said.

Inside the lodge, the Cross women and their daughters cooked and sold food and ski tickets.

Phyllis, who taught school, worked on the weekends. And matriarch Gladys Cross, mother of the three brothers, helped out in the kitchen on weekends.

The lodge also offered a bar (Natasha's Lounge), which was tended by Jack and Wendy. Dances were held there as well.

Lainey has fond memories of the people who skied the mountain.

One regular, Merrill Luthe, owned an A-frame adjacent to the parking lot. "He used to have a loud speaker, and he would blast Austrian music, so that you could hear it while you were skiing," she said.

Then there was Hazel Wilds and "the Port Hole Gang," who came up from Kennebunkport.

"She would often yodel while skiing down the trails," said Lainey.

Some, including Andre Warren, stood out for their skiing style. "He held his poles to the side rather than up and down. You could always tell it was him on the slopes," she said.

It was the people, said Wendy, that made having a ski area in the family so memorable.

"The best part was we got to know people from everywhere," she said. "And it kept going with the generations.

People could leave their kids and know they would be taken care of. Everybody knew everybody. It was magical."

Mt. Abram will hold several events this weekend in observance of its 50th anniversary season.

One will be a Shoveling Contest, held in memory of Don Cross, on Sunday at 2 p.m. Go to www.mtabram.com for more event information.

THE CROSS FAMILY IN 1977—Front: Donald Cross, Stuart Cross and Norton Cross. Back: Gladys Cross, Phyllis Cross, Barry Nevell, Wendy Cross, Janice Cross, Steve Cross, Diane Cross and Jack Cross. *(Note: This photo appeared with an article on Mt. Abram in the March 1977 edition of Downeast Magazine. It is reprinted here with permission from Downeast. More photos can be found on Page 11.)*

Schools

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Closing either school would require a 2/3 majority vote of the School Board.

If the board approves the AES closing, and a trimmed-down WES, directors would still have to consider passing the remaining $900,000 gap on to taxpayers and/or finding other cuts elsewhere.

The gap is created by a combination of loss in state and federal aid and increases in fixed operating costs.

The current year's overall school budget is $9.2 million. A large gap in that budget was split between cuts to the budget, and district tax increases totaling nearly $800,000. Two years ago, the SAD 44 budget was $10.2 million.

Town's options

If directors do vote to close the two schools, each town could keep its school open by raising annually the amount of money equal to the district's savings. A referendum on the option would be scheduled in each town in the coming months.

Board Chair Sid Pew estimated that based on 2009 mil rates, keeping the schools open under that option might mean roughly a $300 tax increase on a $100,000 home in Andover and a $200 increase on a similar home in Woodstock. He stressed SAD 44 is not involved in setting the rates.

Bethel director Lynn Arizzi also pointed out that in addition, each of those towns would also have to shoulder its share next year of any overall SAD 44 tax increase that might be needed to close the remaining budget gap.

Murphy noted a silver lining to the recent trend of steady declines in state aid, which next year will drop to an estimated $633,818 (compared to $2.7 million in 2007).

"We've been free falling for a number of years, and we're going to hit rock bottom hard," he said. "But we won't be relying on the state anymore."

The district is headed for "minimum receivership" because its property values are high relative to the rest of the state.

Public Comment

About 70 people turned out for Monday's board meeting, held at WES. Several spoke in support of keeping the school open, and only one voiced opposition.

Wayne Hakala of Greenwood (which sends some of its pupils to WES) said he is often awakened at 6:30 a.m. by a passing school bus. "That's not good [for the children]. It's way too early. I know three little boys who often go to sleep on the bus," he said.

A ride to Bethel would be even longer, said Hakala. "That's not good for learning."

Monica Mann, who no longer has children at WES, said the school nevertheless "is the heartbeat of the community. It brings everyone together." She said that while she currently earns minimum wage, "I will find the money" to help support keeping the school open.

Parent Jesper Kruse said he knows of families who have already taken their children out of WES in anticipation of its closing, while others are considering private school or moving away. He suggested pursuing grant funds to help pay the added cost.

"Your mission statement says 'It's all about the students.' It doesn't say it's all about the taxpayers," he said. "The parents will come and help pass the budget."

Scott Hynek of Bethel was the lone speaker who favored closing AES and WES, which have approximate enrollments of 30 and 80, respectively.

"Up until now, SAD 44 has been giving Woodstock the smaller class sizes that they cannot afford to give to Crescent Park, at no extra cost to Woodstock parents," he said "Times are such, however, that we can no longer afford this special generosity to a few."

As for AES, he said, "Right now the taxpayers of SAD 44 are paying an extra $214,000 per year to save 30 kids the inconvenience of a longer bus ride."

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

The weather people say the recent spate of sub-zero temperatures is the coldest we Mainers have experienced in two years.

They have the records so I'm sure they know what they're talking about, but it does seem like a lot longer than two years since we've seen 20 below zero.

The time intervals between arctic blasts really doesn't matter to me because I hate anything below freezing and I'm not too fond of the freezing mark either. I'm very fond of 80 degrees, but sadly, I have a long wait before I can enjoy such a temperature.

It has been a long time since I have put my weather complaints in print. The last couple of years I have suffered Mother Nature's cruelty in silence because...well really, who cares!

However, the cold and snow, my aging aching bones and ever shrinking heating budget have forced me to break my silence. Now, I just can't help myself; I have to complain.

For one thing, when I get worked up complaining about something, I warm up. There is nothing quite like a rising blood pressure to increase the body temperature. Every time I hear my furnace kick on, which has been much too frequently this past week, I see dollar signs going up the chimney and my blood pressure rises and I get warmer.

Though it's probably not the recommend method of warming up by the medical profession, complaining about the weather and a heavy sweater help me fight off the arctic chill that has taken up permanent residence in my home.

The month of January has certainly given me ample cause for complaint. I'm no fonder of snow, sleet and freezing rain than I am of the cold and it seems that we have had way too much of all of the above in January.

... I encounter weather complainers everywhere I go.

The logical thing for me to do would be to spend Maine winters somewhere far south of Maine, but (a) I can't afford it and (b) what would I have to complain about?

I know I'm not alone in this dilemma because I encounter weather complainers everywhere I go. The basic greetings throughout most of the winter are, "How cold was it at your place?" or "How much snow did you get at your place?"

These greetings are just openings for the weather complainers' competition. One can't just say it was too cold or we got too much snow. Specifics are required such as "It was 15 below zero" or "We got 10" of snow."

A weather complainer competitor will respond with something like, "Boy, you had it easy. It was 25 below at my place." Or "We got 18" at our house." The fact that the competitor may only live a block away doesn't even get mentioned.

More often than not there will be a much older person listening to the cold/snow competition and will offer their entry. "This is nothing!" the old-timer will say. "When I was a kid we had winters when it rarely got above 30 below." Or "When I was a kid we got 3 or 4 feet per snow storm and we had at least one snow storm a week all winter long."

You just can't compete with that! If you try to exaggerate your cold/snow status, the old-timer can out exaggerate you every time. "It was so cold the winter of '34 that the red barns all turned blue."

I just take my complaints and go home. Winter in Maine is hard on all of us and always has been. I guess the best thing to do is bundle up and endure the best way we can.

Spring will be here before we know it, but in the meantime, the way I see it, there will be more cold and snow at my house than anywhere else and that will give me plenty of cause to complain and compete a little bit too.

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 A lot
6 Bungle
10 Makes a touchdown
16 Hen's hubby
19 Deck type
20 Ford or Grey
21 Frolic
22 Poster abbr.
23 Start of a remark by Jack Simmons
26 Distant
27 Expensive appetizer
28 Common contraction
29 Charon's river
30 Wallach or Whitney
31 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
34 Writer Pareisky
37 Actor Tremayne
40 Hangs tinsel
42 Command to Fido
45 Cries like a baby
48 Part 2 of remark
53 React to a pun
54 Enthusiast
55 "Dallas" matriarch
56 Lummoxlike
58 Had a hankering
60 Mister, in Munich
62 Architect's add-on
63 Harness part
64 Radio and TV
65 Duncan's denial
66 "— a Song Go Out of My Heart" ('38 tune)
69 — Bank, NJ
70 Part 3 of remark
75 HST's successor
78 On the briny
79 Service charge
80 Disconcert
84 Cubist Rubik?
86 Business abbr.
88 Starchy tuber
90 Moved like a mouse
92 — del Sol
94 Teatime treat
96 Tachometer meas.
98 Lawn ornament
99 Part 4 of remark
103 Lots of laughter
104 JFK lander
105 Intense
106 Vane letters
107 Tend the garden
109 Pipe part
110 Cry of discovery
113 Spanish dance
116 Allen's partner
120 Passed into law
124 — Baba
125 End of remark
130 — Buddhism
131 Lunar spacecraft
132 Skater Heiden
133 Kovacs or Pyle
134 Actress Caldwell
135 Scrimshaw material
136 Mr. Walesa
137 Cassandra and Merlin

DOWN
1 Fountain order
2 Nursery furniture
3 Alan of "California Suite"
4 Holmes' creator
5 Reel
6 Take off
7 Tyler or Ullmann
8 Colorado native
9 Saloon
10 Trauma aftermath
11 Spelunker's spot
12 It bakes the cake
13 Alex Haley book
14 Directional suffix
15 Sault — Marie, MI
16 27th president
17 All right
18 Chico or Karl
24 Textbook headings
25 "Bali —"
29 Finn's friend
31 See 91 Down
32 Distinguished
33 Flavor enhancer: abbr.
35 Honest name
36 Durban dough
37 Word form for "study"
38 — Zimbalist, Jr.
39 Rock's — Poneys
41 Ring official
42 Missouri airport abbr.
43 Presque —, ME
44 Dimly illuminated
46 Solitary sort
47 "Wake Up Little —" ('57 hit)
49 Card collection
50 Silverware city
51 From now on
52 Opening remark?
57 Wrap up
59 Place to pontificate
61 Unrefined
67 "Gracious me!"
68 Trinidad's neighbor
71 Voltaire, for one
72 Reagan and Wilson
73 Teachers' org.
74 O'Hara's "From the —"
75 Cal. page
76 Sag
77 Follow
81 "New Yorker" cartoonist
82 Tend a fire
83 Macho types
85 Canada's capital
87 Dovecote sounds
89 Soporific substance
91 With 31 Down, '58 Frankie Avalon hit
93 Qualified
95 Squirrel's snack
97 "The A-Team" actor
100 Manipulate
101 Toque or tam
102 Hotelier Helmsley
108 Salivate
109 Silly Caesar
111 Basketball's Elvin
112 Paint pigment
113 "All That —" ('79 film)
114 Toast topper
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117 Eye appreciatively
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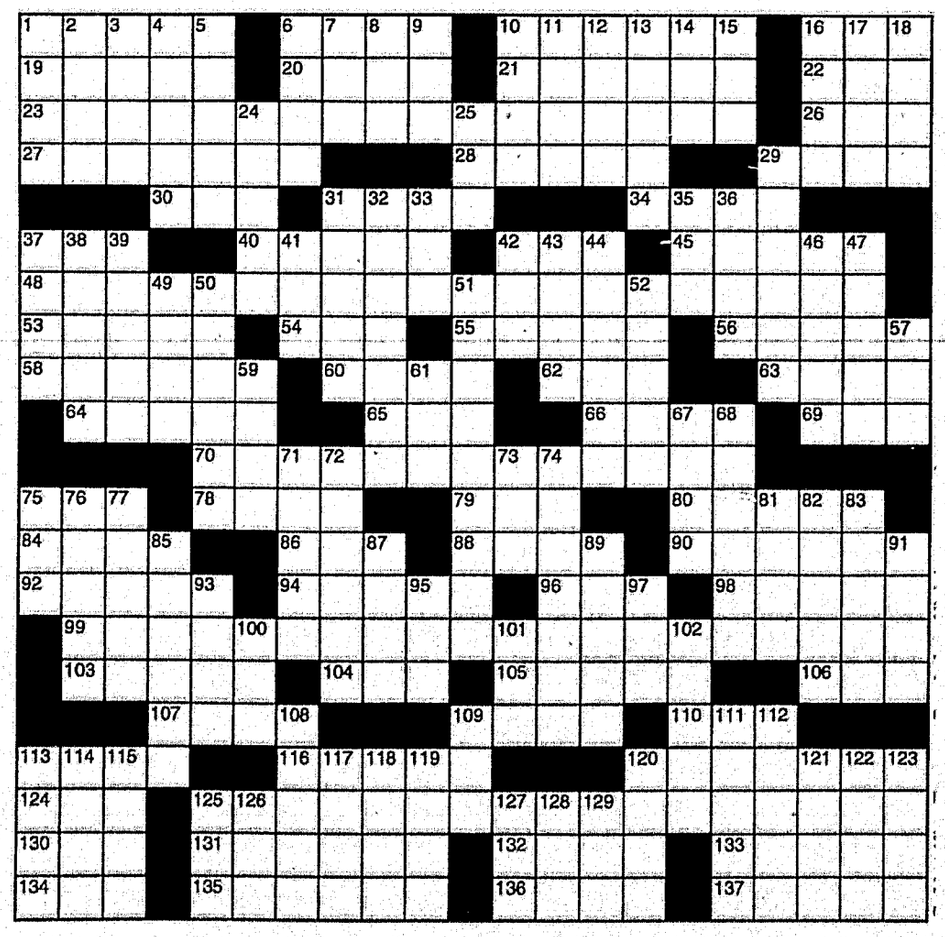

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OCSD Bethel Patrol Log:

Tuesday, Jan. 18

At 10:53 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to the Sunday River Road for a report of an assault and a male subject walking in the road way and jumping in front of cars. It turned out to be the same person, who was intoxicated. There was no assault. A friend agreed to get the person home.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

At 7 a.m. a caller reported a subject walking down the middle of Chapman Street and not moving for vehicles. Cpl. Justin Brown responded and found a subject shoveling driveways. He also had a dead truck battery. The officer assisted in starting the truck.

At 8:57 and 9:05 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy served two court subpoenas on the Taylor Smith Road.

At 9:44 a.m. a caller reported being harassed on Facebook by a subject she had met once. Deputy Dennis Ryder issued a warning.

At 8:24 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and Dave Hodgson responded to Mason Street for a report of a domestic incident. Kimberly Day, 40, of Bethel was arrested for domestic assault.

At 8:30 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes investigated a subject possibly in violation of bail conditions.

At 8:53 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall was advised of a logging truck on Route 2 with a strap hanging down that kept flying into oncoming traffic.

Thursday, Jan. 20

At 12:15 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall assisted Adult Protective Services with a welfare and assessment check on a subject on Mason Street.

At 1:16 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to Railroad Street for a report of an erratic driver who had been on the Intervale Road and was now parked on Railroad Street.

At 2:23 p.m. at the request of the school transportation department Deputy Mike Parshall responded to the Walkers Mills Road to monitor new traffic lights.

At 2:50 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to Railroad Street for a report of a hit-and-run accident.

At 3 p.m. Capt. Hart Daley received a report from the Vermont Department of Human Services of a subject with pornography on his computer. After investigation the report was determined to be unfounded.

At 7:32 p.m. a report was received of a pickup truck operating erratically near Telstar High School. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

Friday, Jan. 21

At 11 a.m. a caller asked to talk to a deputy regarding an out-of-control teenager. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 11:29 a.m. a caller reported two trucks on Route 2 driving dangerously and trying to run the complainant off the road. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 3:48 p.m. a caller reported a burglary on Harmony Row. Deputy Matt Noyes and Sgt. Tim Holland responded.

At 8:43 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned to a report of erratic operation on Route 2.

At 10:01 p.m. a report was received of a bus on fire just south of Telstar High School. Deputy Matt Noyes and Bethel Fire and Rescue responded and found a dozen tour buses pulled over at the bottom of Chandler Hill. There were heated wheel bearings, but no fire.

Saturday, Jan. 22

At 8:54 a.m., while a complaint was being taken, the phone line went dead. Cpl. Chancey Libby and Deputy Mike Parshall responded to Chapman Street.

At 10:35 a.m. a report was received of unwanted subjects at a Main Street residence. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned. A trespass warning was given.

At 10:53 a.m. on Main Street Deputy Mike Parshall arrested Brenda Lee Taylor, 41, of Woodstock for criminal trespass.

At 7:07 p.m. a caller reported an intoxicated person driving from the Sunday River Road toward Greenwood. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

Sunday, Jan. 23

At 12:19 p.m. a report was received of a two-vehicle accident on the Mayville Road. Capt. Hart Daley was assigned.

At 12:51 p.m. a report was received of a two-vehicle accident at the Route 26/Parkway intersection. Capt. Hart Daley and Bethel Fire and Rescue responded.

Monday, Jan. 24

At 7:23 a.m. a West Bethel Road caller reported a subject was being harassed. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

At 2:20 p.m. a caller requested a deputy respond to the substation to meet with a subject who lost his passport a week ago.

Impact of school closures on CPS class sizes

Supt. Dave Murphy Monday presented numbers showing the impact of moving 30 AES pupils and/or 80 WES pupils to CPS, which has a current enrollment just under 300.

If both schools were closed, and three WES teaching positions transferred to CPS, the numbers of pupils in individual classrooms next year are estimated as follows: Kindergarten, to be determined; Grade 1, 18; Grade 2, 16; Grade 3, 21/22; Grade 4, 22; Grade 5, 23.

Without adding WES/AES pupils, the estimated classroom numbers at CPS for next year are, in the same order: TBD; 18; 15/16; 14/15; 17; 17/18.

WES class sizes currently average about 13. AES has two grades per classroom teacher, with an average of five pupils in each grade.

If pupils from both schools moved to CPS, extra space that was built into the school's 1993 addition would be utilized, Murphy said. That includes a room across the hallway from the faculty room, a fourth Kindergarten classroom and a second floor room known as the "Apple lab."

Maine State Police

Troop B Highlights Jan. 10-23

Troop B received 492 calls for service from Jan. 10 to Jan. 23. Below are some of the highlights.

Trooper Fillebrown stopped a vehicle for speeding on Route 118 in Norway. Investigation revealed the operator was suspended and the plates were illegally attached. The operator was arrested and charged with OAS Class E, and Improper Plates.

Trooper Wing and Trooper Fillebrown conducted a warrant check of a subject at a residence he was not supposed to be at. They located the male in the residence and Trooper Wing arrested him. A report was submitted to the DAs office for violation of bail and violation of protection from abuse. It was approved and he will be charged. The following day the arrestee pled guilty to multiple charges from an arrest by Trooper Wing in November.

Trooper Wing was granted an arrest warrant for a subject for violation of bail. A few days later Trooper Wing was driving by the residence and saw his truck in the dooryard. Trooper Wing approached the residence and after a lengthy time was finally met at the door by a female. After other units arrived to assist a house search was conducted. The female was unwilling to say where the male was and was charged with hindering apprehension.

Trooper Fillebrown was operating on Route 5 in Albany. TR. Fillenbrown observed a blue Dakota pickup turn down a seldom used side road. After running the plate and operator, it was found the registered owner was Revoked Habitual Offender. After parking down the road, Trooper Fillebrown caught the male driving back out. The male was summonsed for Operating after Revoked Class C.

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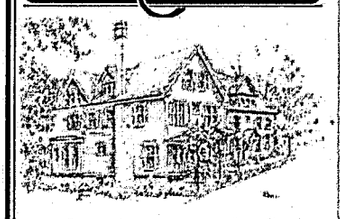

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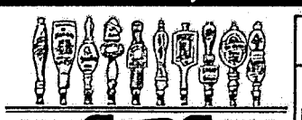

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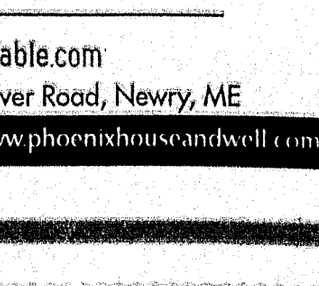

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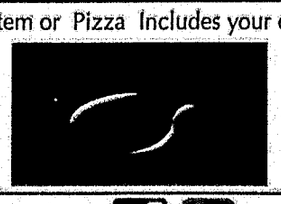

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

First, I offer apologies to the Greenstock Snowmobile Club and the organizers of Bethel WinterFest 2011 for reporting the wrong date of the snow-groomer rides in last week's column. I reported that the rides were being given on Jan. 22.

The rides are actually being given on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the corner of Main and Cross streets in Bethel. The rides are free and are being given by the Greenstock Snowmobile Club. I apologize to all of you who showed up and didn't find the snow-groomers. For a complete schedule of WinterFest events go to the Bethel Chamber of Commerce website at www.bethelmaine.com.

The Ice Tower continues to grow. At night the lights of the Ice Tower are visible from Routes 2 and 26. During the day, one of the best views of the tower is from the foot of Elm Street. Depending upon the sunlight, the ice color appears in hues of white, green, or blue. The below-zero temperatures that hit Bethel this past weekend should give the Ice Tower a boost. At 8 p.m. tonight (Sunday, Jan. 23), the temperature was 5 below zero outside the Telstar campus. Local temperatures were expected to hit 18 below zero before morning.

Bethel native Simon Dumont placed third in the Winter Dew Tour Men's Freeski Superpipe event at Killington, Vt., on Jan. 22. Kevin Rolland won the event and Gus Kenworthy took second place. Dumont had kicked off the Winter Dew Tour by winning the Superpipe event at the first stop on the tour in Breckenridge, Colo., on Dec. 20. Dumont is scheduled to compete in the Winter X Games 15 in Aspen, Colo., Jan. 27-30, and at the third stop on the Winter Dew Tour, in Ogden, Utah, Feb. 10-13. All these events will be televised.

Each month the Bethel Library displays a "Quilt of the Month" made by a member of the Cross Country Quilters. The January quilt was made by Edleen Winslow. The quilt can be viewed in the library's front room during library hours.

The women of the Bethel United Methodist Church meet every Wednesday at 11 a.m. for a brown-bag lunch and to work on knitting and sewing projects. The handmade items are donated to various charitable organizations. Anyone working on a project is welcome to come and join the informal get-together in the church dining room.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH

Anticipation of a good cross-country ski snowfall must have addled my brain last Monday, because I completely forgot to write my column, due in that day. I remembered on Wednesday morning when Jake and I were having our morning exercise -- too late by more than 24 hours. Talk about a senior moment! We did, indeed, have a good snowfall, and conditions were excellent at the Bethel Inn for skiing. Good skiing continues, and we Nordic nuts are quite happy.

Speaking of Nordic skiing, last Saturday was the occasion of a huge 5k skate race at Maranacook High School, in which teams from 23 schools participated. Bethel and surrounding areas were well represented in the race, and all of them did a fine job. Gould skiers Andrew Nesbitt and Shelby Aseltine finished first among their respective genders. Following is a complete list of skiers (in alphabetical order) from Telstar and Gould who represented their communities very well: Shelby Aseltine, Elyse Barnard, Aiden Clarke, Jeb Clarke, Izzy Cohen, Kyle Curry, Marcello DeLuca, Nolan Dumont, Alice Hotopp, Matthew Keane, Casey Keiner, Ben Lewis, Adam Mahar, Ben Martin, Andrew Nesbitt, James Piccirillo, Meg Runyon, Molly Siegel, Samantha Southam, and Marguerite Wiser -- 20 intrepid racers from Telstar and Gould. Kudos to all for a job well done!

It was a beautiful day and a great course, with excellent snow conditions. Near the finish line was the final "suicide hill," followed by yet another uphill climb to the end. It was easy to see why a number of contestants wiped out on the hill, but as far as I know, none of the wipees was one of ours.

Linda Westleigh tells me that her granddaughter, Annie Costello; husband, Brandon; and children, Maddie and Caden, are all doing well at Fort Drumm, N.Y., where Brandon is stationed. The big news is that Maddie turned three on Jan. 15, and is now a healthy, happy, normal 3-year-old after a very premature birth. Younger brother Caden will celebrate his first birthday on Feb. 23. Happy Birthday to both!

The latest issue of "Vanity Fair" magazine has a two-page spread about southern female writers. Included in the beautiful picture and article is Amanda Gable, the daughter of Joan Gable and the late Joe Gable. Amanda is the author of "The Confederate General Rides North," a historical novel which ties together battlefield history with the relationship between a mother and daughter. If you haven't read it yet, I recommend it to you. The Bethel library has at least one copy.

Pleasant Valley Grange is still meeting the 4th Thursday of the month. But, during these cold months, they're meeting at the Grover Farm. During the frigid season, farmers hunker down, clean and sharpen their tools, and read seed catalogs.

On the bird front, we have had four cardinals showing up for several days. Now and then we are visited by a flock of goldfinches, and there are always a few chickadees, nuthatches, titmice, and woodpeckers. All the above visit erratically, and we think it's because there are many feeders in the neighborhood, so the birds do the rounds.

Jerry Vincent reports that after seeing no redpolls last winter on Chestnut Knoll, he has been visited by several since December. He notes that at first there were only females, but recently the males have joined them. We have yet to see a redpoll here at the Garden of Eden. Has anyone else out there seen them anywhere?

With minus 13 degrees Sunday night, we have been shivering a bit. The temperature rose to all of three degrees by mid-afternoon on Monday. By the time you read this, I think it will be a bit warmer, but still winter. Maybe we'll have a couple more dustings of snow this week as well. Tell me how you're coping with the deep freeze: dhoeh@megalink.net; 824-2917.

TUNEUP
Last Thursday engineer Jim Sysko and a Bancroft Corp. crane worked together to make some adjustments to the 140-foot ice tower in Bethel. The tower is being created by water flowing from successive pipes at varying heights. Sysko explains this operation: "I was securing a section of sheep fence and a water deflector at the 60-foot level to give the water more surface area on which to freeze. We also had a frozen pipe, so I hauled up a 100-foot garden hose to bypass it."
(Photos: A. Aloisio)

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

Things are still quiet in the neighborhood. It must be that everyone is in the grip of the winter weather, staying home to keep the wood stove going and also making sure that the furnace kicks on. Mine didn't recently on one of those cold nights. Luckily the reset button did the trick.

Seven Alder River Grange members braved the weather to attend the meeting at the home of their master, Ruby Bryant, in Norway. They voted to not hold a meeting in February and the next meeting will be held March 11, 2011 at the home of Stan Howe on Broad Street in Bethel. At this meeting they will be discussing changes to by-laws concerning when meetings will be held and at what time.

It is not too late for your answers to the Trivia or any and all information for next week's news. Just call 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. No one managed to beat the time of this one "die hard" Trivia lover -- by the time I got up Thursday morning and checked my e-mail a little after 6 a.m I already received his answer again. I will give a little hint. Those of you with computer can check it out online whilst having your first cup of coffee in the morning -- then later on get the paper to read all the detailed news. Several readers also enjoy the quotes, so here is a quote which a reader remembers from his time during Marine Corps Boot Camp, Parris Island, 1969 which was repeated to his platoon quite frequently: "Every day is a Holiday and every meal is a feast." How true, as sometimes we need to enjoy the simple pleasures of life, take every day and our food as a gift to appreciate and be grateful for.

Enjoy your week and stay warm.

Andover

By MELINDA AVERILL

Hello Andover friends. The school kids enjoyed a three-day weekend last week -- they had a snow day on Friday. I'm sure most

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parents enjoyed it too.

Black Mountain of Maine, in Rumford, announced the following free community ski days: Jan. 28 4 p.m. until 9 p.m.; Feb. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m.; Feb.11 6 to 9 p.m. and Feb. 18 6 to 9 p.m.

Happy birthday today,Jan. 27, to Joshua Rainey, and on Saturday, the 29th, to Izaak Mills.

The ice rink behind the fire department is being used by lots of folks young and not so young!

Don't forget the Pineland Ski Club and Recreation Committee's ski/snowshoe day this Sunday, Jan. 30, 1 p.m. Ski or snowshoe at Tim and Darlene Akers, Upton Road, Andover.

Enjoy the weekend!

BRAVING THE COLD A group of 11 teens from the Dynamy program in Worcester, Mass., headed out in frigid temperatures Tuesday morning for a five-day winter camping expedition with the staff of the UMaine 4H Camp in Bryant Pond. *(Submitted photo)*

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

The weatherman was finally right when he said that the beginning of the week was going to be some of the coldest weather so far.

My brother, Steve McLain, said that when he looked at the thermometer Sunday morning it was zero.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent last Saturday night at our house. She is such a great house guest. We worked on some craft items, read a new book and watched her new movie.

Steve and Lise McLain went to the retirement gathering last Sunday for Robert Hutchins and Evelyn Morin. It was held at Crescent Park School and was very well attended.

They both worked for SAD 44 for many years. Lise McLain went to Ledgeview to visit her father, Gerard Dupont.

Our grandson, Benjamin Chapman, will be celebrating his 19th birthday on Jan. 29. Other January birthdays are Stephen McLain III on the 27th and Joe McLain on the 30th, who are the sons of Steve and Lise McLain.

Town Office

Last call for dog licenses. Contact the Town Clerk at the Town Office, 836-2115. Late fees are applied after Jan. 31.

Gilead Historical Society

Hugh and I stopped by the Bethel Historical Society last week and visited with Danna Nickerson, Randy Bennett and Stanley Howe. We dropped off a Gilead Historical Society newsletter for Danna, since the one she got in the mail was missing some pages.

It was nice to get a phone call from Joanne "Peabody" Stewart of Portland. We had not heard from her and her husband, Bob, for a while. She was inquiring about the quilt squares that are being sold by the Gilead Historical Society.

Bob and Judy Bishop also called. Bob had a few things to discuss about finances for the GHS and Judy had some ideas for some more quilt squares. Perry and Happy Chapman from Waterford also called to catch up and inquire about the squares.

We have recently received orders for quilt squares all the way from Oregon and Florida! Thanks to Diane Bean in Oregon and Mike Stowell in Florida.

We also talked to Howard Reiche about a project for the GHS and Norm Buttrick on another project. Things are still busy behind the scenes for the GHS.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

The Hanover Select Board met on Jan. 18 with two select people attending along with the town clerk. Robert Fortin was re-appointed to a five-year term as a planning board member. Clem Worcester was re-appointed to a two-year term as the registrar of voters for Hanover. The Board also discussed possibly providing a discount to those who pay property taxes early and a penalty fee for those who pay taxes after the deadline. Voters would need to approve the plan before it becomes effective.

An automobile rollover accident occurred Sunday morning, Jan. 16, on Route 2. Snow flurries made the road slick. Medcare Ambulance, Rumford Fire Department and police responded.

You may recall reading about last summer's hiking trip along the Appalachian Trail by Daren and Brad Worcester. They traveled from New Hampshire to Mt. Katahdin in 22 days. Many folks followed their journey on Daren's website. After a few months of pondering Daren has compiled 14 lessons learned while hiking the Appalachian Trail. The lessons indicate that lighter packs are good and he recommends some products that are helpful. The information is interesting and may be seen at www.darenworcester.com

For most of us it has not been trail hiking and camping weather lately. Snowstorms occur every few days and admittedly it is icy cold! Snowmobile trails are now open in the area. One active trail goes from Hanover Village to ITS 82 in Andover.

Many trail riders like to stop at Gordie Howe's for fuel for their machines and food for their bellies.

What is best for keeping your auto going during a cold snap? Park your vehicle where it will be in the full sunshine a while before trying to start even if you need to delay your journey a few hours. Make sure to keep the battery fully charged and that lights and radios are turned off. Perhaps you can avoid buying a new battery or starter until warmer weather.

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU

Phew, we survived the cold snap! This time with no frozen pipes, I hope that the rest of you were so lucky. The critters here were pretty tolerable of bitter cold as well. I had to chuckle when I went out to do chores Monday morning and got to the goat barn and found sheep there instead! My pretty white Saanens were fluffed out and swollen looking, thus rendering the "sheep" look. Prayerfully they were warm enough though because they spent most of the day outside under their lean-to lazily munching hay with nary a care in the world. In the coop, however, we had two heat lamps running plus the two standard interior lights. Their water still froze. We evened things out by making several trips out to them with fresh warm water. So far all have survived despite the shivers and squalking as they clamber on top of one another in an attempt to locate the warmest spot. It's the feathered version of a pig pile.

Children's Stage Adventures just finished up their week at CPS with the production of Oliver Twist. It is an annual event and because they audition, rehearse and perform all in one short week, it is very intensive for the young actors. Our daughter Kaiya was cast this year as a London cop, a Bobby. She is a lively young lady and well suited for comedy – she was delightful! Everyone lucky enough to watch "Oliver Twist"was utterly "wowed" by the outstanding performance. Monday was a holiday and then there was a snow day and an early dismissal leaving less than three days of rehearsal from start to finish. I think that only two lines were forgotten. Hooray to everyone involved, including all the people who worked endlessly in order to bring CSA back again this year! Thank you, from the heart of this grateful parent.

And lastly but certainly not least, I would like to send out belated birthday wishes to Audrey Brooke. Hope you had a very Blessed day Mom!

Don't be shy....sabcart@gmail.com or the good 'ole fashioned way 824-0836. Share with us, please, but most importantly, have a wonderful week!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

Somehow my columns are not making it into print; must be too long, too late or too boring. In any case, what I started with last week was in rereading my last column it appears I misspoke. I am not the oldest columnist, I am the longest running columnist, at this time. That does not mean that I am the best, just that I've hung in there. I do enjoy some of the newer writers and am glad to see new ones that emerge from time to time. It keeps things fresh and interesting. That having been said, I hope to get this year off to new and better heights. To that end, I ask that all who have something they would like to see in this column please call me at 739-9115. I do not check my e-mail often enough for that to be a good option.

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know I've seen colder, but not for a while. Tasha went out for less than 10 minutes. Later when it warmed up to about 10, we went for a 2-minute walk. Brrr!

I think it's nice that the Matterhorn is having a scholarship Pizza Party on my birthday in memory of my former neighbor, the other Rocky, Rocky Freda. I have to find out if they make a gluten free pizza. In nay case it is Feb. 2 at the Matterhorn from 6 to 9. The event is being planned by the Bethel Rotary. FMI call 824-2175 ext 362. It is for their scholarship fund.

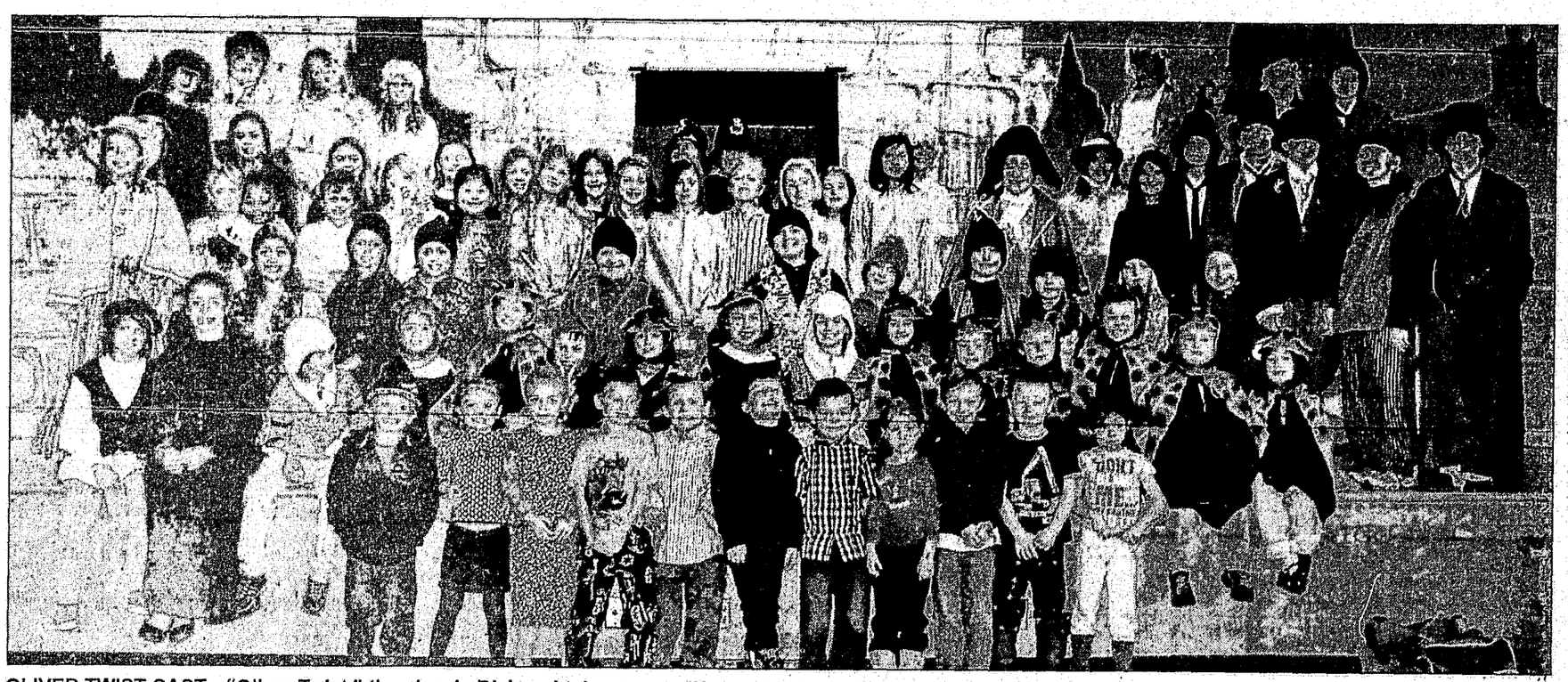
This Thursday, the 27th, I am not sure if the ACA group will meet because a big storm is predicted. I recommend anyone planning on coming call 739-9115 first. If the storm is a miss, we will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m.

Monday, the 31st, the Knitting Group should be meeting at the Waterford Library at 2 p.m. They meet the third Monday, and in this case the fifth Monday. All are welcome from beginners to experts.

Friday, the 28th, is open mic night at the First Unitarian Church in Norway at 279 Main Street. Sign-up is at 6:30 p.m. Admission is $3. Refreshments are available. FMI call (603) 733-6350.

Feb. 7 at Waterford Library the Socrates Cafe meets at 6:30 p.m. Kim Kearson is the moderator and the topic is: "Responding to Change." FMI call 583-6957.

That is all for this week. Stay warm and check on your neighbors to see if they are warm. Have a great week.



OLIVER TWIST CAST—"Oliver Twist," the classic Dickens' tale came to life on the stage of Crescent Park Elementary School on Saturday. Seventy-six SAD#44 elementary school student in grades K-5 worked hard, overcoming school cancellations and putting in long hours of rehearsal in just three short days, to deliver a memorable show. The show featured an original script and song lyrics by Lorrie and Rob Gray, with classical music arranged for the play by Lorrie Gray. Josie Forbes played the lead role of Oliver Twist. Ben Alford and Mia Shifrin appeared as the Artful Dodger and his pal Charlie Bates. Matthew Morin and Lilo Bean appeared as Mr. Brownlow and Rose Maylie. The citizens of London were played by, Ellie Bailey, Livy Clarke, Kaiya Corriveau, Beth Gibson, Victoria Hamel, Avery Lehman, Taylor Mason, Caleb Merrill, Rebecca Morin, Caroline Newell, Autumn Pilgrim Giberson, Jillian Thielbar and Kaitlee Turnick. Mr. Bumble and Mrs. Corney were played by, Reese Roseberg and Elayna Harrison. The orphan workhouse boys were played by, Lydia Bennett, Miranda Colby, Nyia Dixon, Ellen Files, Madeline Hallett, Autumn Harrison, Ella Kellogg, Emma Kruse, Chase Ormiston, Lucinda Rothwell, Julianna Slaughter, Wyatt Thielbar, and Shelby Thorman. Marta Opie played Bill Sikes, and Maddox Ormiston appeared as Nancy. Ella Blair, Isabel Chase, Lillian Drew, Hannah Evans, Abigail Landry, Trey James Meader, Samantha Miller, Shane Ojeda, Calla Orino, and Morgan Prentice made up Fagin's gang of thieves. The Night Creatures, a group of bats and owls, were played Jessica Aug, Alexander Baribeau, Adeline Charette, Jake Chiasson, Isabella DeVivo, Marianna Colby, Maecy Dixon, Katelynn Evans, Ben Godomsky, Felicity Indermuehle, Peyton Mae Meader, Julia Ordway, Cheyenne Palmer, and Mason Thompson. The Children's Stage Adventures actor/educators, Chandra Diesel and Ben Regan, appeared as Mrs. Bedwin and Fagin, as well as narrators in the show. The PR/Marketing team was comprised of kindergartners Ciara Abbott, Tristan Buck, Isaiah Connolly, Odessa Files, Nick Godomsky, Ethan Hart, Evan Leach, Bode Leach, Selena Ojeda, Cameron Palmer, and Autumn Thompson. Working behind the scenes were assistant directors Payton Abbott, Chaia Alford, Ainsley Brown, Aliah Connolly, Savannah Thomas, and Cassidy Webster. The show, a Children's Stage Adventures, Inc. (CSA) production, was made possible through a grant from The Davis Family Foundation, with support from the Mahoosuc Arts Council, SAD#44, The Bethel Inn Resort, and Friends of CPS. DVDs are available for $10 by contacting Amy Lehman at aplehman@yahoo.com or 824-7890. Tax-deductible contributions towards next year's residency may be made through the Mahoosuc Arts Council at www.mahoosucarts.org or email info@mahoosucarts.org. For more photos, see Satellite, Page 16. *(Submitted photo)*

Healthcare and veterans survey

The American Legion is encouraging women veterans to participate in an online survey about healthcare issues before it ends on Jan. 31.

"We've already received an excellent response," said Verna Jones, director of the Legion's veterans affairs and rehabilitation division. "But we'd like to get even more women who have served our country in uniform to take part in this survey.

The American Legion launched the survey Jan. 5 as a method to further improve its understanding of healthcare issues and treatments that affect women veterans, and their satisfaction level on how VA accommodates their needs.

According to The American Legion, only about 25 percent of nearly two million women veterans in the country are using medical services provided by VA. "In the coming years, our population of women veterans is going to increase substantially," Jones said. "We need to find out why more of them are using private health care instead of using VA medical benefits they've already earned through their service." Jones said The American Legion will analyze data collected from the survey (conducted by ProSidian Consulting in Charlotte, N.C.) to strengthen its congressional testimony and recommendations to VA and other federal agencies, and to provide more effective assistance to women veterans who seek the Legion's help.

"The survey will help to identify unmet needs among women veterans, and guide the Legion's development of specific remedies and recommendations," said Denise Williams, the organization's assistant director of health policy. "Then we can offer them to VA as specific actions to eliminate specific healthcare problems faced by women veterans."

Women veterans can participate in the survey by clicking on the "Take Our Survey" icon on The American Legion's home page at www.legion.org. Media contact: Marty Callaghan at (202) 263-5758/ (202) 215-8644 or mcallaghan@legion.org.

Bethel Senior Citizens to meet

The January meeting of the Bethel Senior Citizens Club which was to be at the Funky Red Barn Jan. 12 was cancelled due to snowstorms.

The next meeting will be Feb. 9 at the Funky Red Barn. The meeting will start at 11 a.m. The menu is stuffed haddock and the price is $10. Reservations must be made before 10 a.m. Feb. 7 by calling Caroline Gould at 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

Membership dues ($3) are also due at this meeting.

January birthdays are: Becky Keen, Florence Merrill, William Thurston and Dorothy York.

Local author releases new book

Patricia Probert Gott, a local author who resides in South Paris has just released her 10th book "Searching for a Magpie."

After touring China and Tibet the month of September 2010, she writes of her adventures traveling from Beijing in eastern China to Xian and to the central city of Chengdu, then from Lhasa, Tibet in the Himalayas, to the old city of Chongqing, then down the Yangtze River past the new Three Gorges Dam to the port city of Shanghai.

The book contains fifty full color photos helping readers visualize the author's fascinating adventures.

Ms. Gott found that China is a country of superlatives: the biggest central square in the world, the largest and best imperial palace complex, the world's largest dam, and the world's largest and longest manmade structure-the Great Wall.

"The Chinese are polite to Americans and try to emulate our culture and characteristics while striving to surpass us in every way. They are happy, peaceful, and markedly proud of their country and leaders," says Gott.

A quote from her book: "China has its own set of problems, yet . . . the bulk of the Chinese people have more money and more freedom than ever before and most are relatively content.

They have stepped onto the world stage with a roar. And despite criticism of its human rights policy, the government continues to successfully position the country as a world leader in economics, science, and international trade. China will be the country to watch in the future as it continues to transform itself rapidly from an agrarian and backward communist entity into a modern political and economic force."

Patricia is available for speaking engagements to groups.

For more info, call 743-2628. The book may be purchased "Searching for a Magpie" from the author at www.prgottbooks.net, from Amazon.com, or as an e-book from Kindle or Barnes and Nobles PubIt e-books.

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Woodstock Residents

The Woodstock Conservation Commission has been working on an Open Space Plan for the Town of Woodstock. This is a follow-up to the Comprehensive Plan that was approved in 2003.

Public Meetings on this plan will be held at the Woodstock Town Office on

Tuesday January 11, 2011	7:00 to 9:00 PM
Tuesday February 8, 2011	7:00 to 9:00 PM
Tuesday March 8, 2011	7:00 to 9:00 PM

For the purpose of informing the citizens of Woodstock of the plan that is being presented and to get input for the Citizens of their thoughts and/or concerns regarding the project.

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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 53, Madison 43; Jan. 19— Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 17 points; Ben Field 13; Corey Howard 13 rebounds.

Telstar 53, Winthrop 38; Jan. 20— Telstar stats: Danny Vaughn, 22 points and 8 rebounds; Elek Pew 13 points; Ben Field 8 rebounds. Record: 9-3 Next home game is Friday January 28th vs. Jay, JV at 5:30, Varsity at 7.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Madison 53, Telstar 30; Jan. 18—Telstar showed great improvement against the defending Western Maine Champs. The team lost 53-30, but made many impressive defensive stops and hustled throughout the game. With only 8 players suited up, the teamwork was important and everyone contributed to the cause. Emma Davis led the team with 13 points, including three 3-pointers, 10 boards, 2 blocks, and 2 assists, Cheyanne Day with 8 points, 11 boards, and 3 blocks, Nicena Walker with 3 points 6 boards. Maisey Griffin pulled down 7 boards to go along with a foul shot and Autum Morin with 2 points and 4 boards was relentless on defense. - Coach Mark Kenney

Winthrop 36, Telstar 31; Jan. 19— The Rebels continue to work on their defensive effort which is making them more competitive in the recent games. Offensive turnovers contine to plague the team. Offense was led by Emma Davis with 9 points, 4 assists, and 2 blocks, Cheyanne Day with 8 points, 14 boards, and 3 blocks, and Nicena Walker with 9 points including a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter. The team held it even in the second quarter but fell behind in the third, then the team buckled down and won the fourth quarter cutting the lead to 15. The team is starting to pull together with a common purpose.- Coach Mark Kenney

Livermore 58, Telstar 18; Jan. 24— The Rebels struggled to put the ball in the cylinder after a good start to the game only being down 12-5. Emma Davis led the offense with 11 points including 2 three pointers and 8 boards playing excellent defense down low on the Andies front line in the absence of Cheyanne Day. Nicena Walker chipped in 5 points including a three pointer of her own and 7 boards, 2 points each for Jenna Putnam and Alyssa Brands, and a foul shot for Maisey Griffin. - Coach Mark Kenney

High School Cross-country Skiing

Maranacook Wave Race; Jan. 15—The Gould Nordic team proved itself to the fastest team in the state last weekend as it won the 5k Maranacook skate race, with over 400 Maine nordic skiers and 20 high schools participating. Gould finished with 68 points overall, topping Yarmouth High School by four points. The race is run by grade levels in waves of 6-8 skiers. Gould skiers Andrew Nesbitt (14:14) and Shelby Aseltine (16:51) were to top 12th grade skiers in the race (and fastest overall boy and girl). Juniors Jeb Clarke (14:58) and Molly Siegel (17:08) were the winners in the 11th grade race. Other top 12th grade results for Gould were Alice Hotopp (2nd), Sam Southam (7th) Izzy Cohan (14th), Nolan Dumont (19th), and Elyse Barnard (23rd). Among 11th graders, Kyle Curry was 3rd, Marguerite Wiser (7th), Meg Runyon (20th) and Ben Martin (44th). In a strong 9th grade field Aiden Clarke (9th) and Marcello Delucca (13th) ran well.

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Valley 47, Telstar 41; Jan. 24- Telstar was led by Cameron Pike with 17 points, David Pilgrim 6, and Maverik Griffin, Mike Rodway, and Ryan Vail added 4 each.— Coach Tim O'Connor

TMS Boys' Cross-country Skiing

Freestyle at Tripp; Jan. 19— The Telstar Middle School boys and girls Nordic ski teams each placed second in their freestyle race at Tripp Middle School that included 7 teams. Dirigo, Maranacook, FAST, Tripp, Spruce, Oxford Hills,and Telstar participated.The following info highlights the Telstar team's placement. Girls: Rachael Goldberg 6th 9:40; Rose Goldberg 7th 9:48; Carla Boyle-Wight 11th10:05; Gabby Stone 12th 10:30; Ani Inman 23rd 11:35; Kaitlyn Brown 35th 16:07. Boys:Caleb Clarke 2nd 7:29; Mitch Lehman 4th 8:16; Marcus Wentworth 6th 9:03; Brendon Sterns 14th 9:35; SchuylerLeff 16th 9:50; Greg Wheeler 29th 12:08; Liam Gallagher 32nd 12:23.— Coach Steve Keane

TMS Alpine Skiing

Race at Camden Snow Bowl- Everyone finished the race and no one was disqualified. Grace Connors won the girls division. George Connors placed second for the boys. The girls finished with a team score of 16. Scoring for the girls: 1. Grace Connors, 4. Maddie Samard, 5. Kim Drew, and 6. Shelby Cowin. The boys finished with a team score of 23. Scoring: 2. George Connors, 3. Brendon Stearns, 8. Greg Wheeler, 10. Aaron Speakman. I am proud of them all for their hard work, team spirit, and fun attitude. The team will be hosting a meet at Sunday River Jan. 28 2 p.m.. - Coach Eliot

SCHOOL CLOSURE DISCUSSION DRAWS LARGE CROWD
SAD 44 residents and employees listen at Monday's School Board meeting in Woodstock, at which the possible closure of the town's elementary school was discussed. At the beginning of the meeting a petition, with an estimated 125 to150 signatures opposing the closure of WES, was presented to the board.
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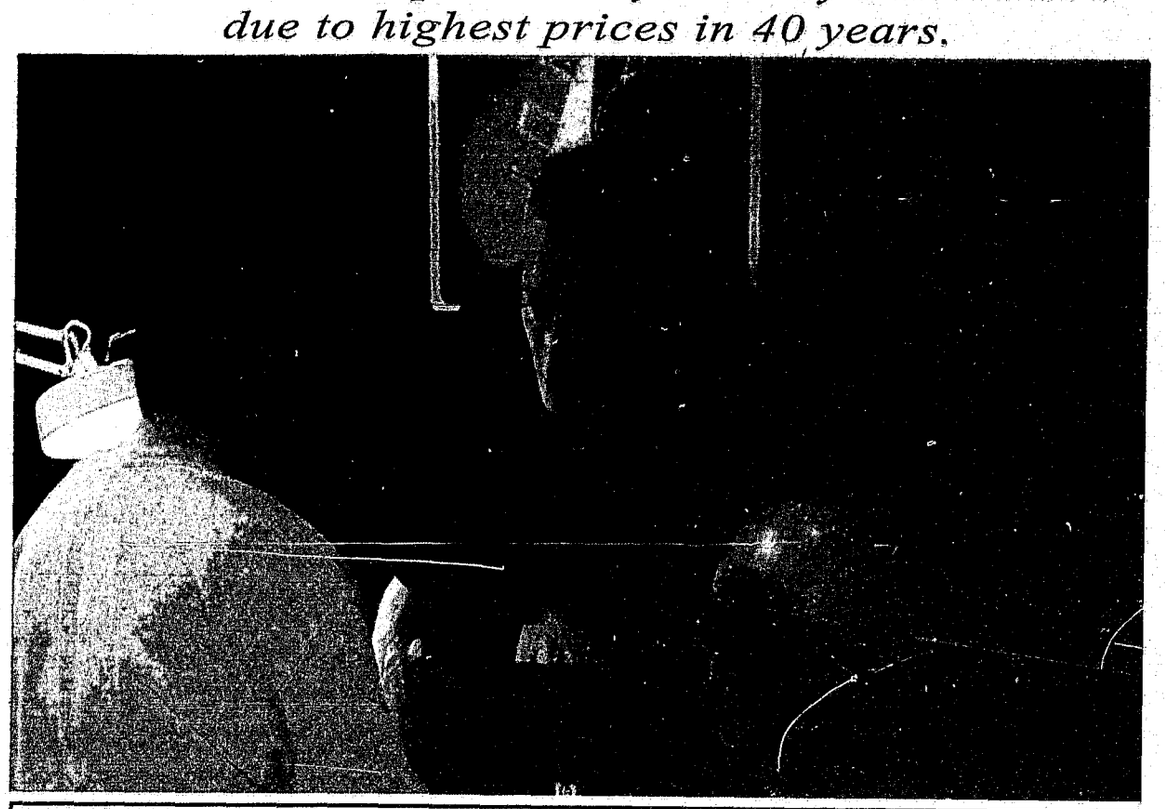
Hundreds of People Cash In at the Gorham Roadshow Yesterday!

By Jason Delong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Gold and Silver pour into yesterday's Roadshow due to highest prices in 40 years.



*Above • A couple waits with anticipation while Roadshow expert examines their antiques and gold items. The Roadshow is at the **Town & Country Inn** this week.*

Yesterday at the **Town & Country Inn**, hundreds lined up to cash antiques, collectibles, gold and jewelry in at the Roadshow. The free event is in **Gorham** all week buying gold, silver antiques and collectibles. One visitor I spoke with yesterday said "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces and in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for $712.37. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for at least 20 years." Another gentlemen brought an old Fender guitar his father bought years ago. "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow expert that assisted him, made a few phone calls and a veterinarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for $5700.00. The seller continued, "I got another $150.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring. It's not every day that someone brings six thousand dollars to town with your name on it."

"It is unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces and in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for $712.37."

Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them. Old toys, trains, swords, guitars, pocket watches or just about anything old is valuable to collectors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items they are looking for."

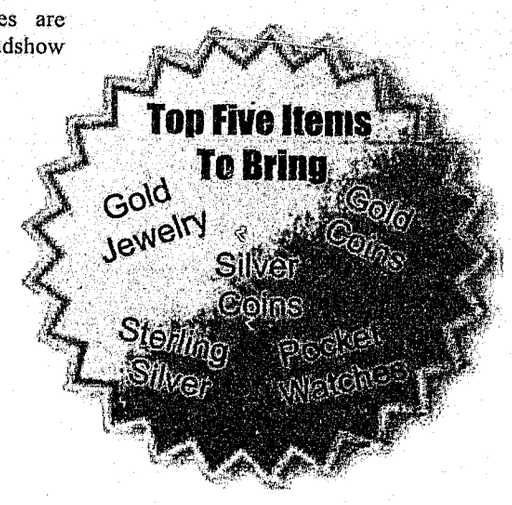
This week's Roadshow is the place to get connected with those collectors. The process is free and anyone can brings items down to the event. If the Roadshow experts find items their collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase those items. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only items the Roadshow is buying. "Gold and silver markets are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold or silver coins add up very quickly. I just finished working with a gentleman that had an old class ring, two bracelets, and handful of silver dollars,... his check was for over $650.00. I would say that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

*"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for competitive prices. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the **Town & Country Inn** through Saturday in **Gorham**."*

One gentleman holding his check for over $1250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment, "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and brought in an old German sword I brought back from World War II and some old coins and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have they might be interested in."

The Roadshow continues today starting at 9am. The event is free and no appointment is needed.



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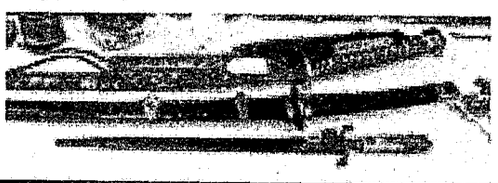

All sports memorabilia is in high demand including: *Pre 1970's baseball cards; autographed baseballs, footballs & basketballs; jerseys; signed photos; etc...*

Roadshow Coin and gold expert Paul Dichraff examines a large presentation of coins, gold and collectibles.

Here is how it works:

- *Gather items of interest from your attic, garage, basement, etc There is no limit to the amount of items you can bring*
- *No appointment necessary*
- *If interested in selling, we will consult our collector's database to see if a buyer exists; 90% of all items have offers in our database*
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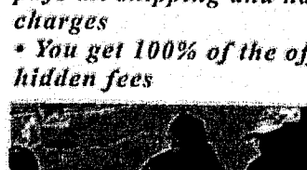

The Treasure Hunter's Roadshow event continues through Saturday in Gorham.

Cash in with the power of the International Collectors Association Treasure Hunters Roadshow represents over 5000 members worldwide who are paying TOP DOLLAR the following types of items.

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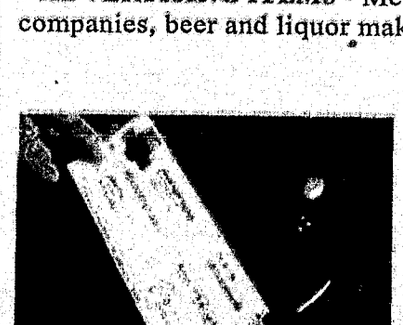

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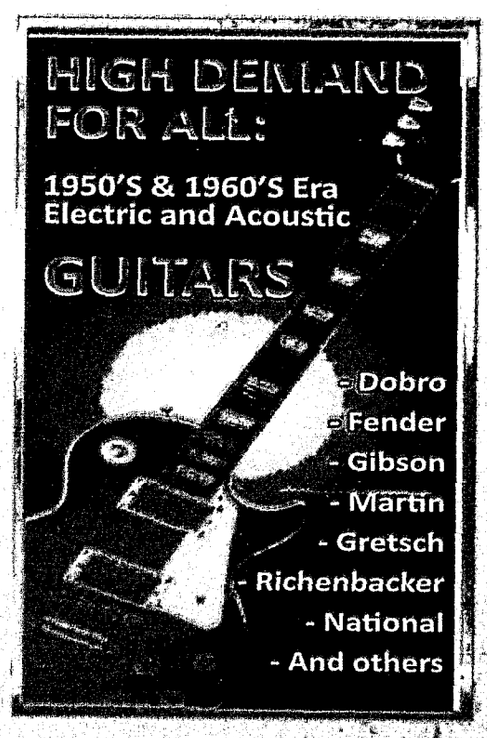
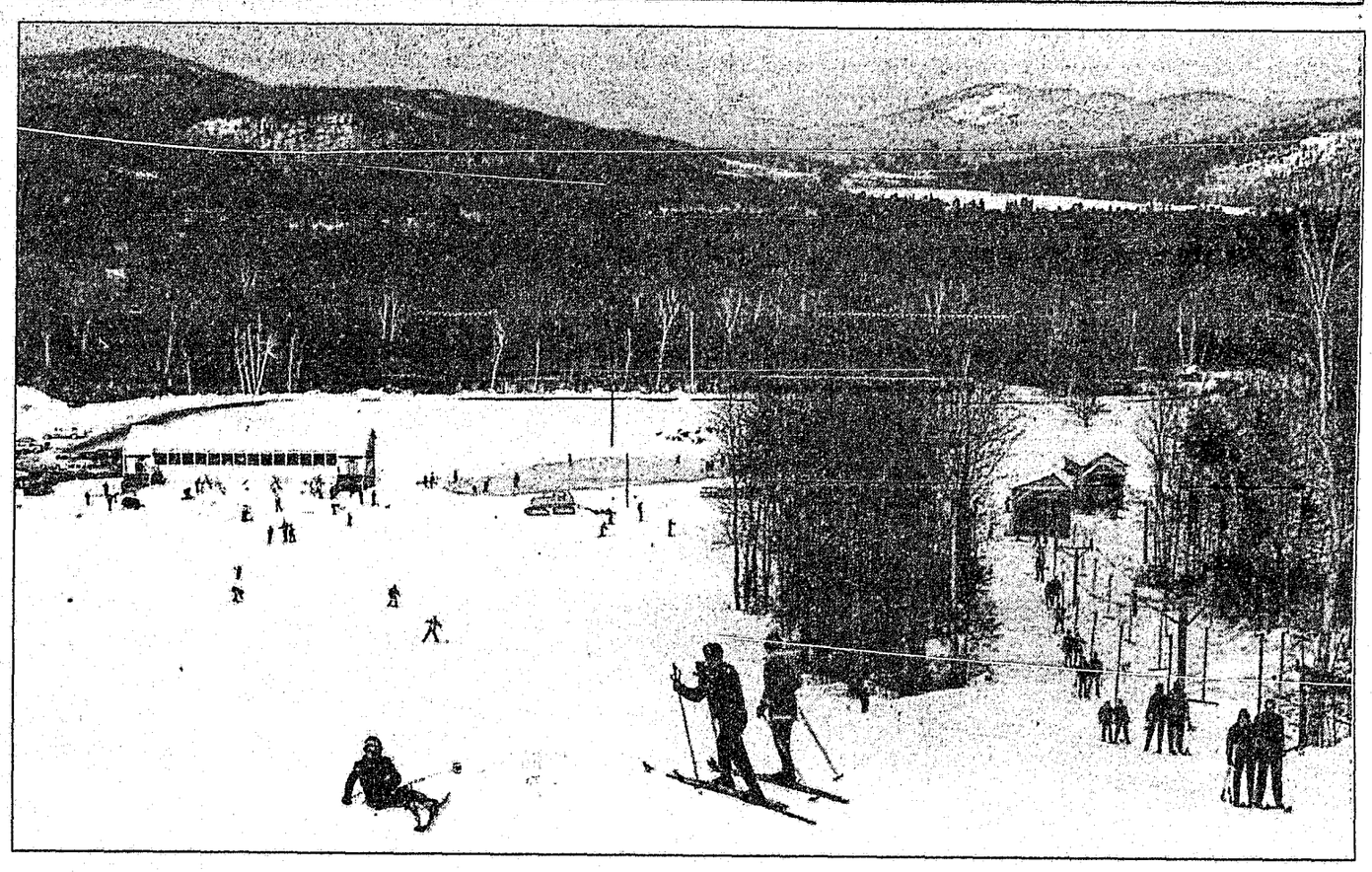
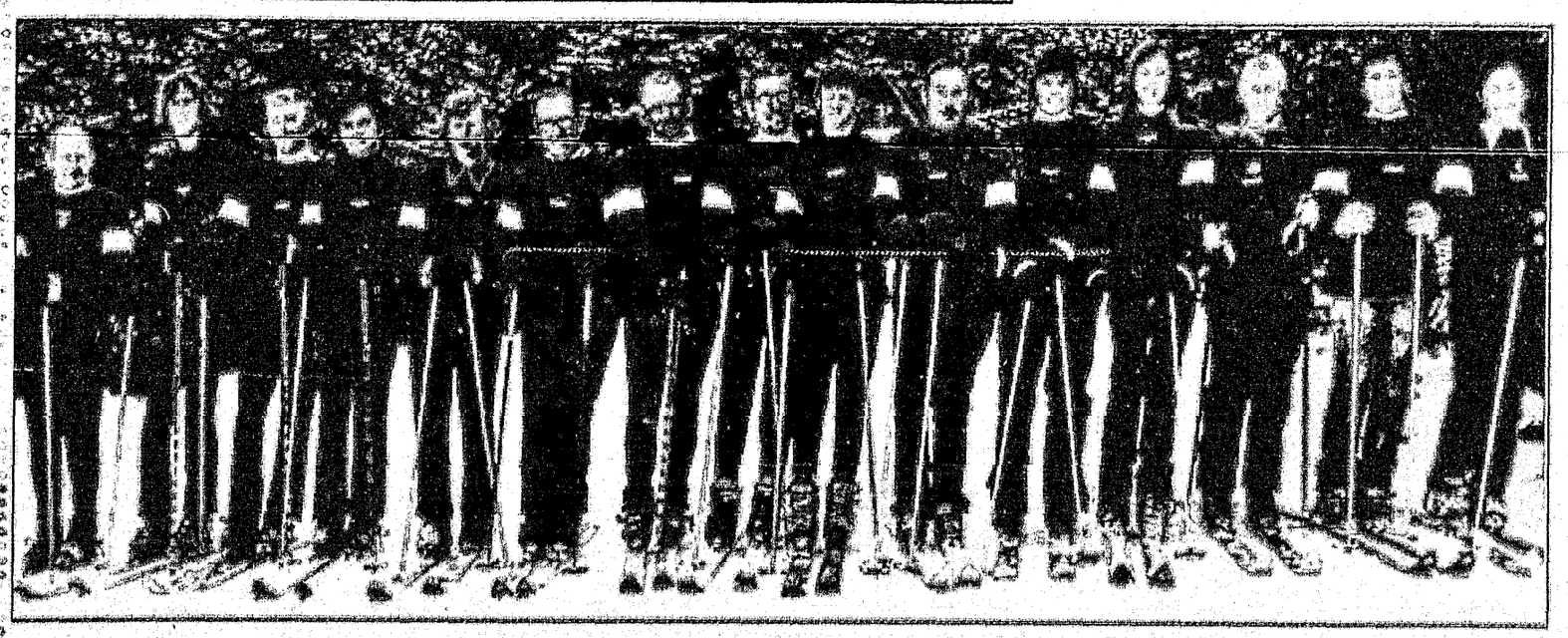


Mt. Abram: The early years



Clockwise, from top left: 1. The first year of operation. The lift attendant is Rodney Kimball. The lodge, in the backgrouind, had not yet been completed. 2. The first Snowcat, in 1962, with Wayne Mason, Don and Stuart Cross. 3. The view from the beginner hill in 1964, served by the 1,000-foot T-bar in the background right. (This was the only slope and T-bar open the first year. The building beyond the original T-bar house is the bull wheel house for the larger T-bar installed in the summer of 1961. Norton was in charge of the lifts. A skating rink is visible to the right of the lodge.) 4. From left: Ann Cross (Don's wife); Janice Cross (Stuart's wife); and Gladys Cross, mother of the brothers in the cafeteria. 5. An early brochure. 6. Ski instructors in 1973: Blaine Mills, Rick Luthe, Arthur Mills, Mario Furtado, Scott Files, Jack Davis, Arthurs Wiesner, Roger Roy, Al Wescott, Rudy Royer, Cathy Day, Debra Perkins, Connie Sweetser, Katherine Smith, Joann Bickford. (Blaine Mills was the first full-time ski patrolman and the first parttime ski instructor, and later became ski school director.) Gary Fuller of Greenwood became the fulltime paid ski patrolman in 1963, and also taught part time in the ski school. 7. Stuart Cross and Hazel Wild, 1972. 8. Racers, 1964. 9. Early skiers Merrill, Rick and Jane Luthe.
(Photos courtesy Blaine Mills, Greenwood Historical Society. A photo album with many more photos is on display at the main lodge at Mt. Abram through this weekend.)



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Community Calendar

Indoor Winter Walking at Telstar Regional High School: Monday-Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.

Thru Mid-March

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden** open Wednesday-Saturday thru winter months and closed Sunday-Tuesday. FMI: 743-8820 or www.mclaughlingarden.org

Thursday, Jan. 27

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

Thursdays, Jan. 27 thru Feb. 10

5 to 6 p.m. - **T'ai Chi for Beginners**, taught by Betsey Foster at Telstar Regional High School. To register: 824-2780.

Friday, Jan. 28

4 to 9 p.m. - **Free Ski and Tubing Night** at Black Mountain, Rumford, sponsored by Oxford Federal Credit Union. Giveaways, prizes, Money Booth. Monty Moose inside for youngsters. Jam Night 6 to 10 p.m. (bring your instrument).

6 to 8 p.m. - **Family Night** at Bethel Nazarene Church. Corn chowder, soups. Board games, pool table, hockey.

7 p.m. - **Norway Open Mic Night**, First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street. Sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. Admission: $3. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. FMI: (603) 733-6350 or e-mail heather@heatherpierson.com

Saturday, Jan. 29

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** Reptile Show at Grand Summit Hotel Grand Ballroom, Sunday River. Tickets: adults $6 advance/$8 door, 12 and under $4/$6, 5 and under free. Advance tickets: Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** playing old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults $5. Lunch counter open.

Saturday, Jan. 29 and Sunday, Jan. 30

Bethel WinterFest. Ice Mountain and Ice Climbing Demos, Nordic, Alpine and Snowshoe Events, Maine Street Rail Jam, Ice Skating, Snowmobile Events and Snow Groomer Rides, Sleigh rides, Helicopter Rides, Indoor Activities, Mt. Abram 50th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday River's Go50 Week Events, Owen's Corning Exhibit and Raffle. FMI: 824-2282.

Mt. Abram's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Lift ticket special, Costume Parade 4 p.m., Big Air Contest 5 to 8 p.m., live music from Cinnamon 8 to midnight, fireworks 9 p.m. Saturday. FMI: 875-5000, info@skim or www.mtabram.com.

Sunday, Jan. 30

SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket/free rental/free adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

USASA Snowboard Race (slalom and GS) at Mt. Abram. Registration 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. FMI: Sean Keoughwith tkeough@aol.com or call 875-5000, or visit www.mtabram.com.

Monday, Jan. 31

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.– **"Babysitting 101"** Training offered by Girl Scouts of Maine to girls in grades 5 thru 8 at Telstar Middle School. Cost: $5 for registered Girl Scouts and $17 non Girl Scouts (includes $12 GS membership fee). Pre-registration/payment must be in by Jan. 15. FMI: Jeanie Duguay (364-363) or 1-888-922-4763 Ext. 237 or jduguay@gsmaine.org

7:30 p.m. - **Portland String Quartet** performing at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy (changed from 24th). Tickets: $10 adults/$5 seniors, non-Fryeburg students. FMI: Jackie Lounsbury 935-9232.

Wednesday, Feb 2

6 p.m. - **Future of Bethel District Exchange** meeting at Telstar High School library. FMI or unable to attend: call Cathy Newell (875-2116) or e-mail cathryn@megalink.net. In case of storm meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 3.

6 to 9 p.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Night** at Matterhorn, Sunday River Road, Newry, sponsored by Rotary Club of Bethel. Tickets: $15 p/p from a club member or at door. Proceeds benefit Rotary's Scholarship Fund in honor of Rocky Freda.

Thursdays, Feb. 3, 10 and 17

3:15 to 4:30 – **Learn to Sew** program for third and sixth graders at Norway Memorial Library; pre-registration required. Learn a different stitch each week. FMI and to register: 743-5309 Ext. 4.

Saturday, Feb. 5

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free Car Seat Safety Event** for hands-on child safety seat inspections and advice at Norway Fire Station, Beal Street, sponsored by The Family Birthplace at Stephens Memorial Hospital. FMI: 743-1562 Ext 128.

1 p.m. - **Chinese Auction**, Oxford Hills High School Cafeteria. Doors open 11 a.m.. Lunch on sale. Fundraiser for Project Graduation. FYI or to make donation: Nancy Henderson (674-2936) or leave at school with Pam Colby.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Australian Outback Encounters at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance $6/door $8, 12 and under $4/$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Monday, Feb. 7

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** gathering a Waterford Library. Topic: "Responding to Change," with Kim Kearney, moderator. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Tuesday, Feb. 8

12 noon to 6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Rumford American Legion, sponsored by Rumford Hospital. Double Red machines; please mention when sign up. Appointments: (800) GIVE LIFE or Rumford Hospital at 369-1000.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/dinner at Funky Red Barn, Bethel (Jan. 12 meeting canceled due to storms). Menu: stuffed haddock; price: $10. Reservations required before 10 a.m. Feb. 7 by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

Thursday, Feb. 10

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Healthy Stir-Frying** class offered by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital at First Congregational Church, South Paris. Cost: $10 p/p and registration required. FMI or to register call (866) 609-5183.

Feb. 10 thru 13

White Out Weekend at Sunday River Ski Resort dedicated to gay and lesbian community. For full schedule and registration information: www.sundayriver.com or call (800) 543-2754.

Sunday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** hike to summit of Rumford Whitecap. Moderately strenuous. Winter gear, hiking poles recommended. Bring lunch/water. Meet in parking area across from trail head on East Andover Road, Rumford. FMI: 824-3806 or mlt@mahoosuc.org

Wednesday, Feb. 16

5:30 p.m. - **"Dinner and Discussion"** at American Legion Hall, 24 Congress Street, Rumford on best help to stay healthy. FMI: 369-1194.

Feb. 19 and March 19

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid classes** at Oxford Public Safety Building. Certification in one day only - accepted for day care, foster parents, Maine guides, forestry, and non-healthcare position. FMI: Patty 671-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdaysof the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Andover

Mondays, **TOPS Program** in Andover at First Congregational Church. Weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m. meetings 6 to 6:30 p.m. Annual Tops membership: $26. FMI: Tina (557-8804) or Sharon (392-4351).

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha,** mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children at Bethel Library** (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

West Paris

Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. Open House at **Finnish-American Heritage Center,** 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—**Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge,** Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 pm, Thursday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2126

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff.; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. Saturdays: 4 p.m. service. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome.

United Methodist - Carol Stevens, Pastor. 9 a.m. Sunday Worship; Bible Study, 1 p.m. Wednesday. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882, Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6 p.m; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry: Interdemoninational worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale, seasonal Christmas Eve through Easter. Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at White Cap, on the second floor. For more information, 824-5896 (recording).

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 am., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.;

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

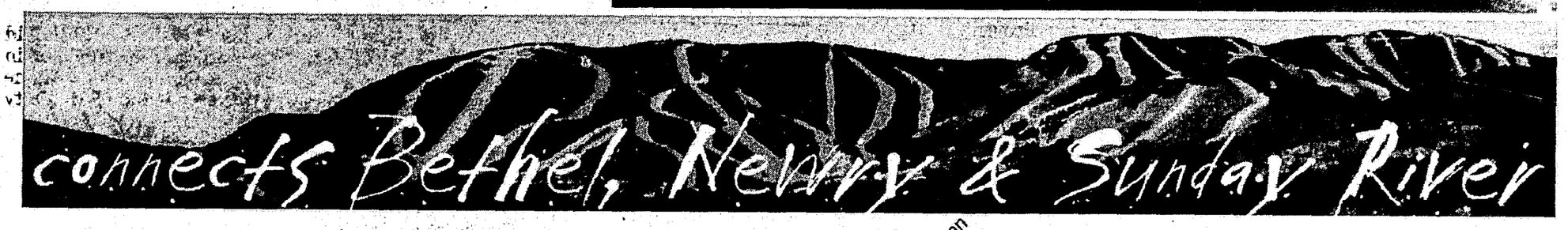
Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

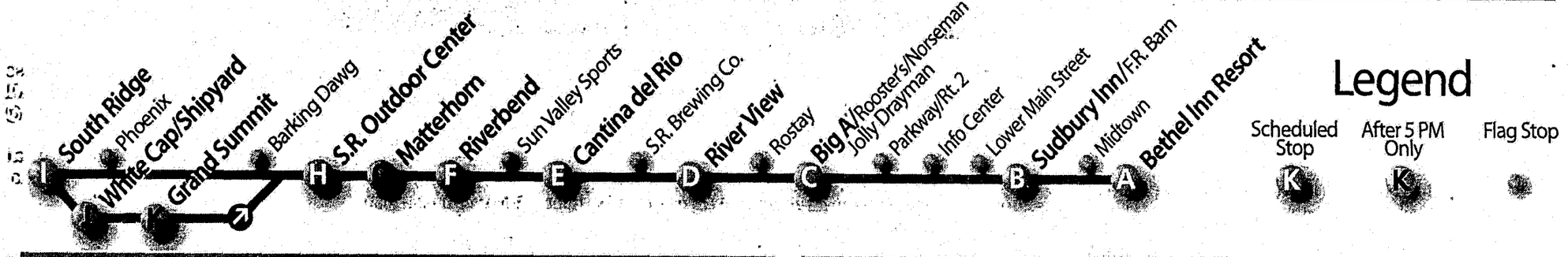
Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: Dick Stratton at 824-8669.

MOUNTAIN EXPLORER





Bethel to Sunday River

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Sunday River to Bethel

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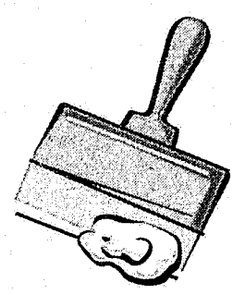

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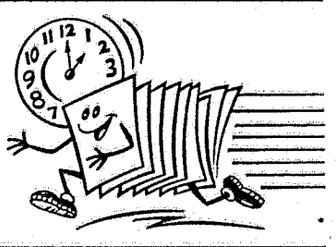

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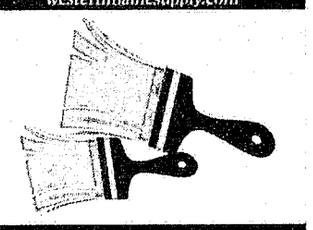

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Steve and Sue Clauson of Windham and Doug and Robin Zinchuk of Bethel are honored to announce the marriage of their children, Chaelley Marissa Clauson and Sgt. Brian John Zinchuk, USMC, held on Dec. 18, 2010. They exchanged their vows in front of 155 friends and family at the St. Joseph's Church in Portland and celebrated with a reception at The Landing on Pine Point. Father Richard Bertrand officiated.

The bridal party consisted of Brenna Clauson, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, Kate Hamilton and Katie Skog, bridesmaids, and Sophie Glidden, cousin of the bride, served as junior bridesmaid. Kevin Zinchuk served as best man, and Dan and Matt Zinchuk – all brothers of the groom, served as groomsmen. Mahlon Glidden, cousin of the bride, served as junior groomsman. Readings from both the Old and New Testaments were offered by Amy Glidden, the bride's aunt, and Wendy Newmeyer, the groom's aunt. Emily Kimball, friend of the couple, served as the vocalist and Cantor.

Brian's grandparents are Lou and Jeanne Horvath of Bangor, Maine and Peter and Anne Zinchuk of East Brunswick, N.J. Chaelley's grandparents are Julius and Beverly Petchel of New York and Nancy Orr as well as deceased grandparents Jim and Jeannine Johnson, formerly of Portland.

Chaelley and Brian met at the University of Southern Maine, shortly before Brian enlisted in the US Marine Corp. She continued her schooling while Brian was stationed in Hawaii and served two deployments in Iraq. Chaelley graduated from USM with a B.A. in Sociology and moved shortly thereafter to join Brian in Arlington, Va. He is stationed at the Marine Barracks at 8th and I, in Washington, DC and she is employed as a chiropractor's assistant in Northern Virginia.

Brian and Chaelley elected to stay in Maine with their family and friends for the Christmas holidays rather than taking their honeymoon right away. They look forward to an April trip to St. Lucia.

Births

Chris and Dawn Craig of Arlington, Wash., are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Ella Ruth, who was born Oct. 12, 2010.

Paternal grandparents are Dewaine and Sarah Craig of Arlington, Wash., formerly of Bethel, Maine.

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Ella joins her sister, Brittany, who is a freshman at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., and her brother, Hunter, who is a junior at Arlington High School, Arlington, Wash.

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Jason Sweeney and Leanna Smith of Woodstock are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Junah William Sweeney, born on Dec. 27, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Timothy Smith and Julie Hellyar of Sturbridge, Mass.

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Tanya and Cameron Cooper of West Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Gracie Mae Cooper, born on Jan. 7, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Robyn Cary of Oxford.

Paternal grandparents are Christopher Cooper of West Paris and Linda Cooper of Buckfield.

Gracie Mae joins her sisters, Halli, age 6, and Emma, age 2.

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Krista Buck, Woodstock, is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter, Emma Jane Buck, born on Jan. 20, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

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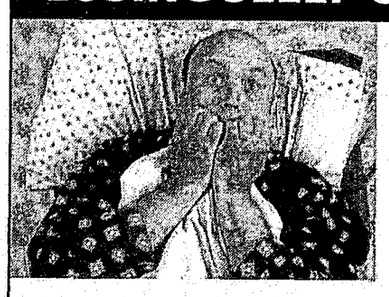
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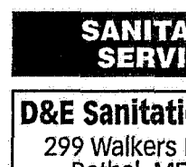
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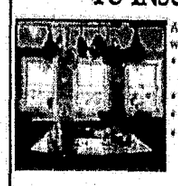
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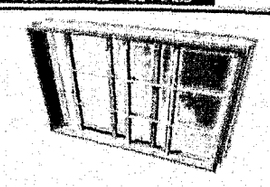

The Satellite

Newsletter of School Administrative District #44: Andover • Bethel • Greenwood • Newry • Woodstock

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A Children's Stage Adventures production of "Oliver Twist," with K-5 pupils from SAD 44 schools, was presented Saturday at the Crescent Park Elementary School. Clockwise, from left: 1. Kaiya Corriveau, Rebecca Morin, Josie Forbes (Oliver). 2. (Front): Matthew Morin, Victoria Hamel, Livy Clarke, Kaitlee Turnick, Taylor Mason; (back) Jillian Thielbar, Josie Forbes; (far back) Avery Lehman, Caroline Newell. 3. Ella Kellogg, Madeline Hallett, Ellen Files, Emma Kruse, Miranda Colby. 4. Avery Lehman, Josie Forbes (Oliver sneezing at flowers). *(Photos: A. Aloisio)*

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Sabin's K-1 pupils are currently studying family traditions around the world as part of their social studies curriculum. As they visited China, the children practiced picking up soft objects with chopsticks as an introduction to eating with them.

Andover Elementary School First Graders create paintings to be turned into Chinese lanterns in celebration of the Chinese New Year Feb. 3.

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Committee	Number of Vacancies	Length of Term (Years)
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Recreation Board	1	2

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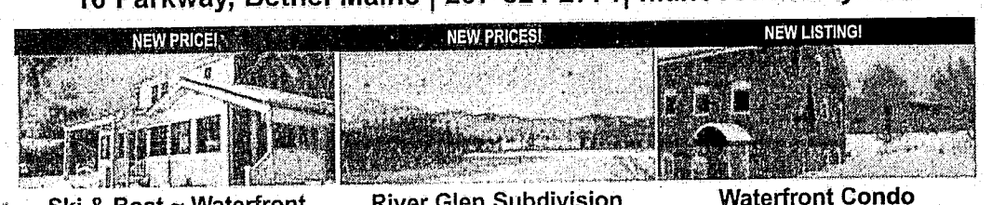

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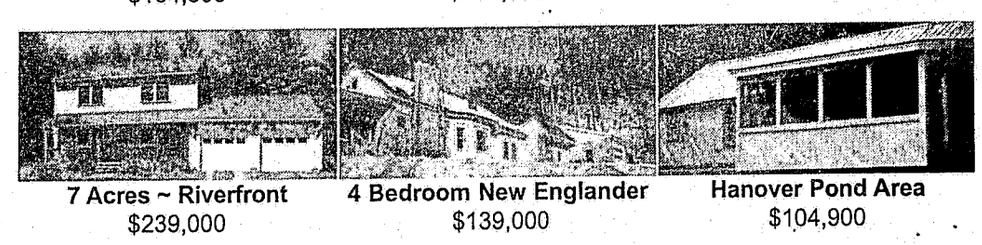

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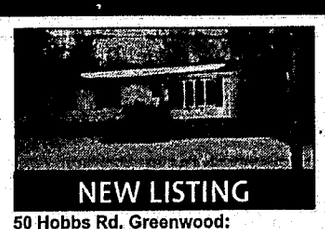
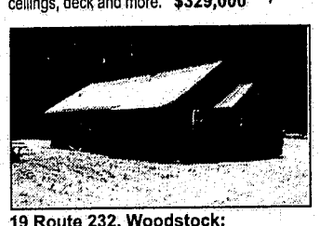
Homes

447 Sunday River Rd, Newry: Lovely 3-BR/2-bath home with Sunday River views, only one mile from the resort. Nicely appointed with high-end finishes, including tile and wood flooring, stainless steel appliances, master suite with large walk-in closet, high ceilings, deck and more. **$329,000**

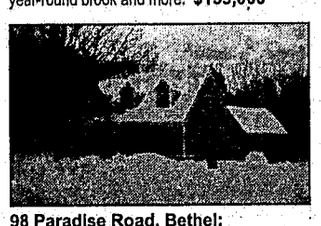


50 Hobbs Rd, Greenwood: Charming 2-BR home on 3+ acres. Well maintained with fresh paint throughout. Features include 2-car garage, large open yard, full basement ready to be finished, backup propane heating, deck, screened treehouse overlooking year-round brook and more. **$159,000**

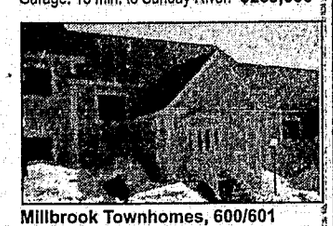
14 Thunder Snow Rd, Bethel: Newly constructed & surrounded by dramatic mtn views. 3 BRs, open living area with expansive glass, exposed beams, hardwood floors and fireplace. Kitchen has center island, granite counters, stainless steel appliances. Garage. 15 min. to Sunday River. **$289,000**



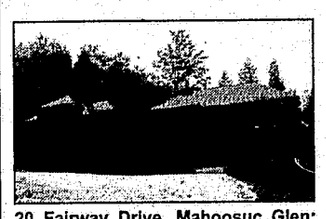
19 Route 232, Woodstock: Cozy rustic cabin, a short distance from Sunday River & Mt Abram, is an ideal weekend getaway. 2 private BRs and large sleeping loft. Efficiently heated with a wood stove and propane monitor heater. Outbuilding for gear storage and covered entry way for wood storage. **$69,500**



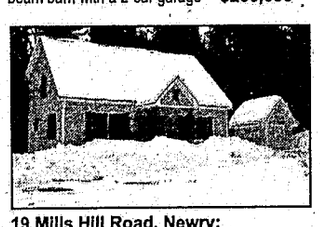
98 Paradise Road, Bethel: This appealing cape is on a beautiful lot with views. Located in a nice neighborhood setting, this home features 4 BRs including master suite, tiled mudroom, sunny open living area and hardwood flooring. Recently constructed post & beam barn with a 2-car garage **$266,000**



Millbrook Townhomes, 600/601 This uniquely designed townhouse is on the 1st fairway at the Bethel Inn Resort. The 3-BR unit features a lockout master suite with bath, kitchenette, fireplace & patio. A private entrance lets owner rent a portion of the townhouse while using the other. Furnished. **$299,000**



20 Fairway Drive, Mahoosuc Glen: Spacious, 5-BR/3.5-bath, quality home directly on Sunday River Golf Club's hole 7 green. Loaded with high-end finishes, Viking gourmet kitchen, separate guest quarters, central a/c, custom cabinets, and spectacular views. **$594,000**



19 Mills Hill Road, Newry: This fully furnished gem, with 7 BRs & 3+ baths, is in mint condition and less than a minute's drive or 5-minute walk to South Ridge Lodge. A lock-out apartment allows owners to use it as a mountain getaway and collect rental income at the same time. **$459,000**

9 Vista Lane, Newry: This to-be built home offers the potential of 3,300 sq ft with 3 BRs and 2 baths - or add 2 BRs & a bath in the daylight basement. This package includes all site work and the lot is fully approved for building. Great views of Sunday River. (Representative Photo) **$499,000**

Land

Wilsons Ripps, Lot 1, Bethel: Only minutes from Bethel Village in the subdivision of Wilson's Ripps, this is a 3.95-acre corner lot that would make a great location for your year-round or vacation home. **$60,000**

Lot 5, Merriman Drive, Bethel: Sunset Hill subdivision. Just a mile from Bethel village, Lot 5 offers over two acres of land, privacy and beautiful mountain views. **$72,000**

Paradise Ridge Rd, Lot 2, Bethel: This 1.4-acre lot offers a ready-to-go building site. Nice homes in the surrounding neighborhood, beautiful mountain views, southern exposure and walking distance to town. **$64,900**

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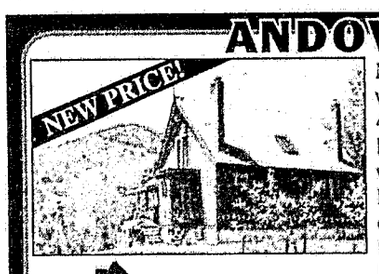

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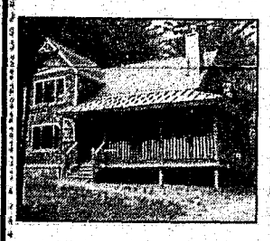

Coombs Village, Follamsbee Road, Newry $299,900; This distinct ski chalet is loaded with charm! You'll love the great looking kitchen with granite countertops, the cathedral ceilings, the large stone fireplace, the wrap-around farmer's porch and, most of all it's great location in Coombs Village & close proximity to Sunday River. With 3.5 baths, add to that the possibility of renting the separate basement finished area with its own entrance, and you can't go wrong investing in this beautiful house. Come take a look!

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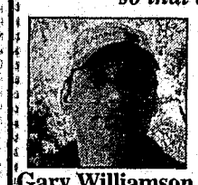
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C-19	1 BR	SOLD!
FALL LINE		
N-217	2 BR	SOLD
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II-C	1 BR	$229,000
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TEMPEST RIDGE TOWNHOMES		
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MOUNTAIN VISTA TOWNHOMES		
Unit #1	3 BR	SOLD!

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128	STUDIO	SOLD!
155	STUDIO	$11,000
151/153	1 BR LOCKOUT	$15,000
233	STUDIO	$15,500
148	1 BR	$19,500
235/237	STUDIO + 1 BR	$21,000
332/334	1 BR + LOFT	$25,000
156	1 BR	$27,000
337	2 BR	$29,000
162/164	STUDIO + 1 BR	$29,900
352/354	1 BR + 1 BR	$34,900
327	2 BR	SOLD!
GRAND SUMMIT		
Unit 310	STUDIO	$7,000
149A (4)	STUDIO	$10,000
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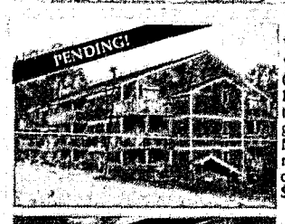

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Brookside II B-305
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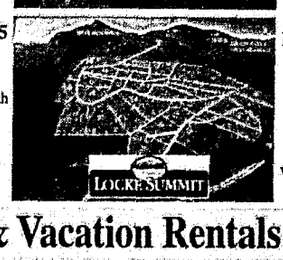

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Obituaries

RUTH ELIZABETH McKEEN

Ruth Elizabeth McKeen, 101, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2011 at the Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris, Maine. She had lived in the local area since the age of 7 when she came to Maine and had resided at 18 Gary Street, South Paris, Maine.

She presently had been residing at the Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris and prior to that lived at Hillside Terrace in South Paris.

She was born in Duluth, Minn., on March 2, 1909, the daughter of Matti and Maria (Korhonen) Waltanen and had attended schools in Greenwood, Maine.

Mrs. McKeen was a homemaker and was a housekeeper in the local area for many years. She also worked at area summer camps for many summers.

She was a member of the Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine, and had many friends in the area and enjoyed going out to lunch and shopping. She especially enjoyed visiting her daughters and family.

Ruth was married in West Paris, on Sept. 14, 1929 to Ellis T. McKeen who died in Sept. 26, 1943.

Survivors include two daughters, Jennie Wolozin of North Andover, Mass., and Thelma Simoneau and husband Norman of Laconia, N.H.; two grandchildren, Tracy Simoneau of Boston, Mass., and Rachel Mueller of Frederick, Md.; a niece, Diane Waltanen of South Paris; a sister-in-law, Hazel Wheeler of South Paris; several cousins here in Maine and in Finland; and was predeceased by a sister, Meimi Waltanen McKeen; a brother, Archie Waltanen; sister-in-law, Saimi McKeen; and a cousin, Lena Mustonen.

Graveside services will be conducted in the spring at the Finnish Cemetery, West Paris. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Ledgeview Living Center, 141 Bethel Road, West Paris, ME 04289.

Services will be conducted in the spring at the Finnish Cemetery, West Paris, ME. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Ledgeview Living Center, 141 Bethel Road, West Paris, ME 04289 in her memory. Friends are invited to sign the guestbook and share memories online at www.meaderandson.com

EDWARD F. MURCH

Edward F. Murch, 68, of Harrison passed away at home on Jan. 19, 2011 after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

He was born July 2, 1942, to the late Ellsworth F. and Mildred Rose Millett Murch.

He was drafted and served two years in the U.S. Army.

He married Karon Clark on Aug. 30, 1975, and together they raised two daughters.

Eddie worked 32 years at Bridgton Knitting Mills. He enjoyed hunting, ice fishing and watching sports. His favorites were the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots.

Survivors include his wife, Karon of Harrison; two daughters, Lori of Harrison and Heidi of Lincoln, Neb.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Rodney of Covina, Calif., Jimmy of Waterford and Glenn of Norway; four sisters, Geri Murch of Covina, Calif., Betty Verrill of Bryant Pond, Bunny Beckwith of Bethel and Mary Learned of Bridgton; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; and a brother, Roger Murch.

Per Edward's request, there will be no services.

Current & Past Obituaries are on our website
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MAURICE F. HART SR.

Maurice F. Hart, Sr., 60, of Bethel passed away on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 at Market Square Health Care Center, South Paris.

He was born in Bethel on Sept. 24, 1950 the son of Harley W. and Virginia Cole Hart. He graduated from Woodstock High School and had been employed at SAD 44 as a bus driver and mechanic for most of his life. He served in the U.S. Army for two years. He married Yvonne Leonard on Aug. 29, 1969.

He was an avid sportsman, hunting and fishing. He loved all the wonderful family cookouts and holidays, playing spiderman with his grandson Dakota, playing cards and games with his grandson Lucas, watching TV with his granddaughter Lexie and sharing hunting stories with his granddaughters, Ashley and Nichole. He also enjoyed weekend dances with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne of Bethel; son, Maurice Hart, Jr.; daughter, Brenda Hart; son, Tony Hart and his wife Jennifer; son, Tracy Hart; son, Mark McPherson and his wife Courtney; grandchildren, Ashley, Nichole, Lucas, Dakota, Tanner, Lexie-Ann, Emma, Allen, Andrew and Leo III; great-grandson, Aiden; his siblings, Earl and Pat Hart, Hazel and Roger Paine, Ruby Coolidge, Frank Hart, Pauline Mills, Susie and Bud Buckman and Lois and Buster Chase; cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, great great nieces and great great nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and siblings, Nelson, Virginia, Harland and Howard.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church. Family and friends may attend visitation on Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Greenleaf Funeral Home, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to the Greenwood Woodstock Youth Football, c/o Reggie Westleigh. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

MELISSA ANNE WALKER

Melissa Anne Walker was born in 1975 and passed away Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011. Prior to her death she prepared the following obituary.

My mother, Aimee, was a hippy back-to-the lander. She and my father, Craig, a musician, built a cabin in the woods. We had no electricity or running water. In this isolation, I had to entertain and express myself creatively with art. I was extremely meticulous. I drew geometric patterns, which I enhanced with color.

My mom took me everywhere with her: political demonstrations, rock concerts, museums, and skiing. I spent lots of time with the neighborhood families, the Martineau/Wheelers and the Serinas. We'd share meals, holidays and games with Ginks and Jane. I spent many happy days on Clearwater Pond with my grandmother Toby and my aunt Leckie, cousin Noelle and my friends the Pratts. Summer was always fun with Aunt Laurel, and her other kids, Kara, Jay, Micah and Garrett. And later, with the younger cousins, Heather, Kyle, Anna, Kate and Davis. We were glad when Uncle Alec and Aunt Debbie and Nick and Jake could come visit. I had many wonderful weekends in Bethel with Grammy Walker, visits to Mimi in Greene, and summer vacations in Tennessee, hanging out with brother Ben, learning to sew with step-mom Betsy and to fly with my dad. We enjoyed summer on the water with the children from New York City and winters skiing with the Sandy River School kids. We love sharing our home and family with young adults, Cheriese, Jesse, and Alex.

I enjoyed my visits with my Walker cousins, Shane, Jimmy, Samantha, Loti, Joe and Mary and aunts Anne and Alice.

In third grade, I went to Mexico and the pyramids amazed me. I still remember the vivid colors and passionate faces of Diego Riviera murals and the powerful portraits produced by Frieda Kahlo.

When I was 13, a trip to France had a profound impact on me. I became infatuated with the impressionists and post-impressionists, after spending countless hours at the Louvre, Pompeido, Notre Dame and Versailles. Traveling educated me in so many ways. Coming from the rural USA to metropolitan Paris was mind blowing. I was in love with it all, art, culture, food and the seemingly glamorous city life. My artwork changed after this trip, I began to draw people from books, from magazines and from life. I abandoned my abstractions completely and began to emulate the French late 19th century artists.

Fred, my stepfather, an arts and antiques dealer and painter, taught me how to paint, use perspective, and mix color. Art and hundreds of art and antique books now surrounded me at home. Travel to Jamaica and the situation in South Africa inspired my work, "Ending Apartheid."

I traveled on a high school exchange programs. In Paris, I truly lost myself in the art really analyzing, sketching and visiting every museum I could. In Russia, I visited the breathtaking Hermitage, with its lapis mantles and columns. I left in love with the work of Matisse and Kandinsky. I didn't try to emulate them, and continued working from life training, my hands and my eyes.

I graduated Mount Blue in 1993 and went to Oberlin College. I majored in biology/premed and took as many art classes as possible. There, I did series of 30 or 40 self-portraits. After leaving Oberlin, I began landscape painting en plein aire. I majored in art at UMF and was part of the Artist's Union. With my great friends and supporters, Saskia and Natasha, we created a mural for the student center.

I also create art with flowers, with great inspiration from my dear friend, Ginger.

We have experienced the joy of youth, Cierra and Sam, Mario and Simeon, Simone and Brynnley, Mali and Tawongo, Azalea and Rowan, Fred, Dresden and Sebastian.

Most importantly, I have discovered true love, this year, with my fiance, Jesse. My time with him has been beyond wonderful.

My goal as a painter and, as a person, is to express and communicate the beauty and interconnectedness of the universe as a whole, made of innumerable parts and ultimately illuminated by light.

The past four years I have been surrounded by friends, family and healthcare professionals, enjoying the light, the flowers, good food and conversation, lots of love and wonderful care. I really appreciate all the loving kindness shown to me and my mom. Thank you all.

My garden fairies (you know who you are) have kept me balanced and I so appreciate that Jay and Meg and Alia always stop by when they are in town.

Fritzie is the best dog friend ever.

Special thanks to Denny and Pat for keeping us afloat and to Fawzia, Daisy, Kristina, Nora, Susan, Dawn, Michele, Tammy, Marla, Nancy, Amy, Gina, Gretchen, Ruth, Cathy, Eileen, Doug, Milton, Ernie, Bernie, Richard, and Hisham, Jamez and Julia for taking care of mom.

More thanks to mom, Lu, Billy, Dawnah, Colin, Cat, Clover, Ian and Saskia, Natasha and Ethan, Andy, Jeff and Heidi, Curt, Maureen, Jeremiah, Nate, Rama, Abel and everyone else for being there for my Jesse.

Hasta la vista.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on February 7, 2011, at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License Renewal from The Foothills Grille located at 186 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org.

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